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ALBION, INDIANA

2009

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THE NEWS SUN
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January 2, 2009, Friday

Joan LeRoy

AUBURN — Joan C. LeRoy, 67, of Auburn died Wednesday, December 31, 2008, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. LeRoy

She worked as a secretary for Halex Die Casting in Cleveland, Ohio, worked for 10 years at the Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn, and also worked for 16 years at DeKalb Financial in Auburn.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the St. Michael's (Hicksville, Ohio) Fraternity of Secular Franciscan, Tuesday night Prayer Group at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Harvest House of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn and St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, Vintage Club, and the Living Rosary Association.

In her younger years, she enjoyed ice skating, boating, traveling and biking. Then in her later years she enjoyed reading, biking, working in the yard, and spending time with grandchildren.

She was born on December 14, 1941, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Alex and Helen (Zaricki) Sadowski. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Pepper Pike, Ohio.

She married John E. LeRoy on June 25, 1960, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald LeRoy of Auburn, David and Diane LeRoy of Auburn, and James LeRoy of Ft. Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and John O'Maley of Glenview, Illinois, and Renee and Jerry Irvin of Indianapolis; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Thomas J. and Janet Sadowski of Mentor, Ohio, and Michael J. Sadowski of Pepper Pike, Ohio; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Eleanor L. Albrecht of Mentor, Ohio, Alicia H. and David Whalen of Phoenix, Arizona, and MaryAnn Sadowski of Bozeman, Montana; and five grandchildren, Allie LeRoy, Andy LeRoy, Kathreen LeRoy, Nicholas Irvin, and Gregory Irvin.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2–4 and 6–8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery Fund.

Area woman dies after being hit by car

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A Howe woman died on Christmas Eve from injuries she received after being struck by a car while visiting Memphis, Tenn.

Mary Bell Owsley, 40, of Howe died on Dec. 24 in Memphis after being hit by a vehicle while crossing an intersection.

She was a former employee of Multiplex in LaGrange, and was affiliated with the New Beginning Outreach Ministries in Memphis.

Funeral services for Mrs. Owsley will take place on Monday at Ontario Congregational Church in Ontario, Ind. Arrangements are being handled by the Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

More details on her services are on Page A4.

Lloyd Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Lloyd E. Miller, 70, of Middlebury, died at 11:03 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at the Maples at Waterford Crossing, Goshen, where he had been since Saturday.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with burial in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury, at 10 a.m. Friday.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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January 2, 2009, Friday

George Iddings

AUBURN — George Byron Iddings, 77, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He retired in 1996 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Iddings was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240, LaGrange Gas and Steam Association and Cedar Creek Engine Club.

He formerly had attended Indian Village Church of God.

He was born Feb. 10, 1931, in Avilla to Robert and Mary (Christlieb) Iddings. He married Beverly Grogg Shoudel on April 1, 1977, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Iddings of Turkey Lake and Gary and Linda Iddings of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Ronnie Cooper of Butler; a stepson, Ron Shoudel and Val Pineiro of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Diane and Jerald Scott of Auburn and Sandy and Dexter Brown of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Wanda Iddings of West Virginia; and five sisters and a brother-in-aw, Sandra Rutherford of Albion, Wanda Cowley of LaGrange, Linda Dilly of Auburn, Lois and Hal Harp of Kendallville and Blanch Iddings of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Donald Iddings; and a stepdaughter, Laurie Ann Haiflich.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Noah Schrock

MIDDLEBURY — Noah A. Schrock, 72, of Middlebury, died at 11:55 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at the Elkhart Hospice House, Elkhart, where he had been since Sunday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, Middlebury, with burial in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, Middlebury or the Elkhart Hospice House of the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care of Elkhart County.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Ervin Snook

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ervin L. Snook, 86, of Wolcottville died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

He was a retired contractor.

He was born in Kendallville on May 14, 1922, to Roy and Vida (Eckhart) Snook.

He married Norma Jean Rink on June 26, 1954.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Jean Snook; a daughter and son-in-law, Vonda and Jeff Hegan of Hudson; a sister, Marilyn Simon of Wolcottville; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Nicole Hegan.

A son, Brian Ervin Snook, died in 1963.

Private family services were held Wednesday. Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 2, 2009, Friday

George Calloway Sr.

BRONSON, Mich. — George D. Calloway Sr., 76, of Bronson died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Calloway

Mr. Calloway had worked as a construction carpenter with Local 525 in Kalamazoo, Mich., for more than 35 years. He retired in 1994.

He was an active 55-year member of Star Lodge 225 in Orland and a duel member of Mystic Lodge 141 F&AM in Bronson. He was a life member and past Patron of Mystic Star 354 Order of the Eastern Star in Bronson. He held the appointment of Past Grand Representative to the state of Utah and Grand Committee Member.

He was also a member of the Mallet Club of Michigan and a past member of the Elks Lodge in Sturgis.

He was born Jan. 28, 1932, in Orland to Mahlon and Ruth (Thomas) Calloway. He married Lurene Penix on Nov. 21, 1952. She survives in Bronson.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Dean and Chris Calloway, Randy and Sandy Calloway, Ken and Debbra Calloway, Steve and Beverly Calloway and Jeff and Shelley Calloway; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with Masonic and Eastern Star services at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

William Mallow

BRONSON, MICH. — William Dale Mallow, 84, of Bronson, Mich., died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at Sturgis Hospital, Sturgis, Mich. He had been in failing health.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, Mich., with Rev. Dale Waterhouse officiating. Burial will be in Fry Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson.

Memorials are to Pleasant Hill Missionary Church.

Dorotha Wilkinson

WESLACO, Texas — Dorotha "Dottie" Wilkinson, 92, of Weslaco, Texas, formerly of Auburn, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, at Knapp Hospital, Weslaco, Texas.

She was a teacher at McKinney Harrison School for over 30 years.

Mrs. Wilkinson

She was a member of Eastern Star and the ACD Women's Association, and affiliated with the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

On Dec. 19, 1917, she was born in Marion, Ind.

Surviving are: a son, James Wilkinson, in Texas; a daughter, Linda Madansky, in Florida; three grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Her husband, James Wilkinson, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Rev. Dale Hamrick officiating. Burial will be in Estates of Serenity in Marion.

Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church in Auburn.

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Kenneth Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth D. Smith, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at 7:25 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith began working for Bell Telephone in 1955 in Kendallville. He retired from Bell South, which is now AT&T.

Mr. Smith

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born April 22, 1933, in Kendallville to Warren Nelson and Viola Mae (Hammel) Smith.

Surviving are two daughters, Diana Smith of Wolcottville and Cynthia Moore of Kendallville; three sons and three daughters-in-law, Kelvin "Kelly" and Tammy Smith of Kendallville, Monty and Wendy Smith of New Mexico, and Timothy and Mary Smith of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Susan Cockerham and Breanna Dukes, both of Mississippi; 12 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Gene Lash of Kendallville; and a brother and his companion, Jimmy Smith and Willa Goodman of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Marjorie (Reecer) Smith Wallace; two sisters, Evelyn Gibson and Janice Thacker; a brother, Max Smith; a granddaughter; and his companion, Nancy Dory.

Private funeral services will be held with Pastor Mike Albaugh officiating. Military services will be conducted by VFW Post 2749, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Janis Rarick

LIGONIER — Janis M. Rarick, 71, of Ligonier died at 2:40 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Mary Owsley

HOWE — Mary Bell Owsley, 40, of Howe, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008, in Memphis, Tenn., after being struck by a car while crossing an intersection.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Ontario Congregational Church, Ontario, Ind., with Pastor Dale Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery, Ontario.

Calling will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Rylee Shull

LAGRANGE — Rylee A. Shull, 12 days old, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at Parkview Hospital North, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

There will be no services.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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James Dudley

ORLAND — James E. Dudley, 76, of Orland, formerly of Marshall and Waters, Mich., died Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange in LaGrange.

Mr. Dudley

He was retired from the Post Cereal Company in Battle Creek, Mich., and was a plumber.

Formerly, Mr. Dudley was a longtime resident of Marshall, Mich., and later moved to the Waters and Gaylord area in Michigan.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving in the Korean War, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing and the lake.

On Jan. 16, 1932, he was born in Chattanooga, Tenn., to Clifford Webb and Myrtle Irene (Williams) Dudley.

Surviving are: a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Dianne Dudley, Orland; a sister, Fran Bonnell, Mesa, Ariz.; three nieces; and four nephews.

A sister, Mary Elizabeth Young, and his parents preceded him in death.

Graveside chapel services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Floral Lawn Memorial Garden Cemetery, 1490 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, Mich., with Rev. Paul Metzger officiating followed by military committal services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Ford

SOUTH MILFORD — Gerald "Bud" Ford, 79, of Pretty Lake, went to be with the Lord Jesus on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008.

He was a member of South Milford Church of Christ and loved his log cabin home on Pretty Lake.

Bud loved his wife of 61 years, Mary Ellen, and loved to hunt and fish especially at his cabin in Wyoming.

Mr. Ford

He also enjoyed sailing and loved cooking for family and friends. He will be truly missed by family and friends.

Mr. Ford was the best clothes presser in Fort Wayne after graduating from high school. He worked at Kunkle Valve and then went into the pizza business with the purchase of Lexy's Pizza Den over 40 years ago.

He loved to play Rook, and held an annual Rook tournament for over 20 years with family and friends.

Surviving are: his wife, Mary Ellen, Wolcottville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra and Larry Easterday, Cedarville, and Merilee Grace Ford, Austin, Texas; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jess and Anne Ford of Florida, Greg and Sally Ford, New Haven, Ind., and John and Kathy Ford, Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; two sisters, Margie Holderman and Monna Winchester, both of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Thaine Ford of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Dorothy Ford, and a step-son, Brian Ramey.

He was beloved by many and will be missed by all. Bud was a good man and led a good life. We will miss him.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ.

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January 3, 2009, Saturday

Barbara Sexton

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Jo Sexton, 73, of Kendallville died on Thursday, January 1, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier, where she had resided the past nine years.

Mrs. Sexton

Mrs. Sexton was born in Alpharetta, Kentucky, on March 3, 1935, to Jobie and Lula (Thompson) Prater.

She was married to Aaron Sexton on September 8, 1954, in Floyd County, Kentucky. He preceded her death August 16, 1992.

She had worked at various nursing homes in the area and McCray Hospital for many years as a nurse's aide.

Barbara had a very strong faith and was a member of the Assembly of God in Kendallville.

She dearly loved the Christmas holiday, cooking Southern food and being with her family.

Survivors include her daughters, Nyra and Lon Wright of Elkhart, Indiana, and Tammy Sexton and her companion, Doug Spidel, both of Kendallville; a special granddaughter, Chelsey Erinn Wright of Elkhart; eight brothers and their spouses, Don Prater of Allen, Kentucky, Eugene and Willie Prater of Douglasville, Georgia, Dockie "Bog" and Jackie Prater of eastern Kentucky, Richard and Glema Prater of Kendallville, Sonny Prater, Michael Prater of Auburn, David and Deb Prater of Rome City and Ronnie Prater of Kendallville; five sisters and their spouses, Joyce Reade of Kendallville; Billie Anne and Jack Rowe of Louisville, Kentucky, Janice and Danny Simmons of Kendallville, Diane and Mark Reid of Kendallville, and Brenda and Hank Ochoa of Butler.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ted Prater and Joseph "Pee Wee" Prater; and infant sisters, Virginia and Dorothy.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 4, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 5, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Michael Stanley.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Pallbearers will be Lon Wright, Doug Spidel, Randy Smith Sr., Mike Prater, David Prater, Ronnie Prater, Danny Simmons and Carl Sexton Sr.

Preferred memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Janis Rarick

CROMWELL — Janis M. Rarick, 71, of Cromwell died at 2:40 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at Avalon Village of Ligonier.

Mrs. Rarick was a lifetime area resident.

She was the retired manager of the Ligonier Marathon Station.

Mrs. Rarick was a former member of the Ligonier EUB Church.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 243 in Ligonier.

She was born Jan. 15, 1937, in Kendallville to Ethel (Growcock) and Frank Sprague Sr. She married William J. Rarick on Sept. 9, 1955. He preceded her in death on July 1, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dan Rarick of Newnan, Ga., and Gene and Robyn Rarick of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Henry "Andy" Kilburn of Winter Haven, Fla.; grandchildren, Brandon Rarick of Cromwell, Brittany and Andrew Bordner of Kendallville, John Matthew Rarick of Newnan, Ga., and Dylan, Caleb and Cassie Kilburn of Winter Haven, Fla.; two siblings, Glen Sprague of Ligonier and Betty Chiddister of Kendallville; and a special friend, Virgil Burns of Ligonier.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and 13 siblings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Brad Cox officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 3, 2009, Saturday

Betty Bryant

AUBURN — Betty L. Bryant, born to Ora Vina (Caudill) Bryant and Phillip M. Bryant on April 22, 1958, in Hazard, Ky., went peacefully in her sleep Friday after a courageous battle with cancer.

Betty was a devoted daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She cared about everyone.

Betty was a barrel of fun to her nieces and nephews who loved to spend nights with her watching movies and playing games.

There were no vacations for Betty without the children tagging along.

Betty loved to read, especially Stephen King and Dean Koontz. She liked to collect lighthouses, Emmet Kelley clowns and Christmas decorations. She loved to listen to the "Bob and Tom Show" and laugh about it with her family.

She had a great sense of humor and she could dish it out and take it, too.

Betty loved to visit with her friends daily at the Retreat. She loved her animal friends, too.

Betty loved family get-togethers. She enjoyed visiting relatives and the beauty of the mountains of southeastern Kentucky. Her favorite place was the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Betty worked 32 years at Sunny Meadows residential home and enjoyed the various personalities who resided there.

Betty is survived by her mom; dad; sisters, Dora J. Harris (William), and Ora G. Williams (Randy), brother, James P. Bryant (Heather); nephews, Curtis A. Bryant (Samantha), Matthew W. Stahl (Samantha), Brandon J. Bryant, Bradley T. Bryant, Derek C. Williams and Kramer R. Kiser; nieces, Mary B. Bryant (Kenneth), Natalie A. Stahl and Landry B. Kiser; great-nieces, Kaitlynn M. Messmann, Olivia J. Stahl, Zella G. Stahl and Faith M. Harrell.

Betty was preceded in death by her grandparents, James and Chloe Caudill and James and Melva Bryant; a brother, Philip M. Bryant Jr.; and an infant niece, Ora G. Williams.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 4, 2009, Sunday

Jeweler 'never wanted to retire'

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — On the day Owen Eckert died, he went to work in downtown Auburn, just as he had done countless times since 1944.

The 81-year-old had been slowing down for some time, but even with heart problems, he still found time to work at his jewelry shop. He told his wife, "I'm too young to retire."

Mr. Eckert died Nov. 5, 2008, of cardiac arrest.

"He loved his work," said Eckert's wife of 58 years, Carma-Jean. "He never wanted to retire."

"He loved to visit with his customers," she added. "A lot of them had been with him for a long, long time, and he was always eager to visit with people, whether they were old customers or new customers."

Mrs. Eckert said her husband felt especially compassionate toward his elderly customers, who could barely pay for food and medicine.

"He would cut the price to nearly nothing to fix watches," she said, sometimes even doing the work for free.

"He was very, very friendly and outgoing, and liked people in general," Mrs. Eckert added.

Owen Eckert began working for C.W. Creasy Jewelry in downtown Auburn in November 1944, and except for serving in the European Theater of World War II for a little over a year, he had been working in downtown Auburn ever since. He bought Creasy's store, in the back of the Auburn State Bank, and renamed it Eckert's Jewelry in 1956. He moved it to 110 N. Main St. in 1958.

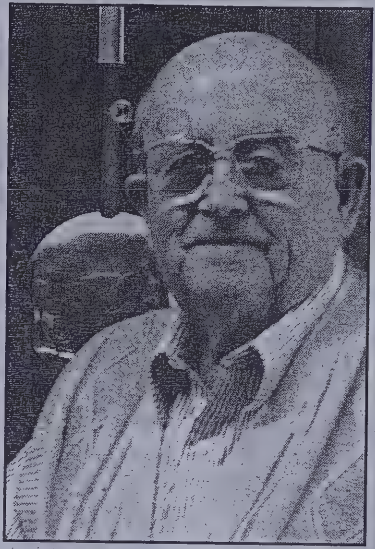
PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Mr. Owen Eckert

Mr. Eckert especially loved working with watches and clocks, Carma-Jean Eckert said. He took great pride in working on the Hahl pneumatic clock in the DeKalb County Courthouse.

"He had been taking care of it for a long, long time, and then he had a heart attack and was sick and wasn't able to care for it," Mrs. Eckert explained. "He was so upset when he went back, because it was all messed up. He was very, very upset about that."

After that, Mr. Eckert found another jeweler to take under his wing and teach about the clock.

"The other jeweler, he did the work and Owen was the brains, and told him what to do and how to do it," Carma-Jean Eckert said. "They worked together on it this last time, and he felt very secure turning it over to him."

But Mr. Eckert was more than just a jeweler. He was a farmer, and spent 35 years working the land and raising cattle at the farm near Waterloo.

"Farming relaxed him," Carma-Jean Eckert said.

Eventually, his health concerns forced Eckert to replace farming with tending a garden and raising cattle to rescuing dogs, but the Eckerts continued to enjoy life on their farm.

More than anything, Eckert was a family man, his wife said.

"He was an excellent husband. He loved his family, and he was very thoughtful and caring," she said. "He loved to cook and was a very good, very excellent cook, especially preparing meats and things like that for the holidays."

In addition to his wife, Mr. Eckert is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Laura Eckert and Dalen and Debra Eckert; a grandson and his wife, Justin and Rachel Marie Eckert; a granddaughter, Rachel Nicole Eckert; and two stepgreat-grandsons, Steve and Gavin.

"It's been hard," Carma-Jean Eckert said of the loss of her husband. "I sure miss him."

Elsie Thacker

LIGONIER — Elsie M. Thacker, 97, of Ligonier, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Topeka United Methodist Church in Topeka. Calling will be an hour before the service at the church.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to East Mound Cemetery, care of First State Bank of Matador, Texas.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Kendallville, IN
January 5, 2009, Monday

Lois Yarde

AVILLA — Lois E. Yarde, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a bookkeeper for Arthur Yarde and Sons Inc., retiring in 1988.

Mrs. Yarde

She attended Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in Auburn.

On April 11, 1918, in Garrett, she was born to Harry and Bertha (Olinger) Deihl. She married Arthur L. Yarde on July 15, 1937, in Harlan. He preceded her in death on Aug. 29, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Harry Lee and Peg Yarde, Fort Wayne, and Roy A. and Nancy Yarde, Avilla; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Sally Anderson, a grandson, Todd Yarde, three brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Paul Stauffer and Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or DeKalb County Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to or sign on the online guest book at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Nicholas Peters

INDIANAPOLIS — Nicholas Victor Peters, 47, of Indianapolis died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. today at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Catholic Church, Indianapolis.

Calling was Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Saint Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Service, 2500 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, Indianapolis, is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Smith

ANGOLA — Betty I. Smith, 71, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Mildred Renner

LIGONIER — Mildred Lois Renner, 84, of Ligonier died at 10:10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Library.

Ann Jensen

ORLAND — Ann Jensen, 62, of Orland and formerly of Fremont, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with burial in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Maxine Munger

FREMONT — Maxine H. Munger, 91, of Fremont died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked assembly at Getig Engineering, and attended the Community Church of the Nazarene.

On July 12, 1917, in Jackson, Mich., she was born to Lyle and Jessie (Stafford) Fisher. She married Roland W. Munger on Aug. 12, 1936. He preceded her in death on March 1, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Munger, Twelve Mile, Ind., and Marvin Munger, Fremont; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a brother, Marion Fisher, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Ervin Weaver

FORT WAYNE — Ervin L. "Pete" Weaver, 80, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital surrounded by his family.

Mr. Weaver worked as a printer most of his life.

He was born Nov. 19, 1928, in Williamsport, Pa.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Wayne "Bud" and Lori Weaver of Garrett and Ervin "Pete" Weaver Jr. of Indianapolis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Henry Temple of Garrett and Shawn and Bryan Gumbert of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Ginny Weaver of South Whitley and Ollie and Doris Weaver of Placentia, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Tim Heffley of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Snyder; a daughter, Darlene; and a son, Gary.

Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or SPCA of Fort Wayne.

Online condolences may be sent to www.covingtonmemorial.com.

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W.P. Lingle

RICHMOND — W.P. "Bill" Lingle, 94, died January 2, 2009, at Arbor Trace Rehabilitation Center.

He was born October 28, 1914, in Edon, Ohio, and was the second son of William Clayton and Christina Zeeb Lingle. He married June Dunn from Waterloo, Indiana, on June 21, 1936, and in his earlier years worked with his father at the Lingle Coal Yard in Edon.

Mr. Lingle

In 1950, the family moved to Richmond and Bill opened the three Dairy Queen stores that are still operating today. Bill got into the real estate business in 1958 and founded Lingle Real Estate in 1959. He was active in the real estate community for over 40 years, a 70-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Edon and an active member for over 50 years of First English Lutheran Church.

June and Bill had four children who survive them: Gary and his longtime partner Sheila Wilson, Paul and his wife Pat, Christie Close and her husband Max, and Bill and his wife Kim. His seven grandchildren brought him much joy: Julie Lingle Gardner and her husband Phil of Missoula, Montana, Laurie Lingle Luth and her husband Thorn of Denver, Colorado, Sarah Close Benza of Cincinnati, Jacob Close and his wife Tory of Springboro, Ohio, Whitney Lingle, William Lingle and Hank Lingle. He also loved being a great-granddaddy to his nine great-granddaughters: Stella, Lorraine and Mabel Gardner, Audrey and Charlotte Luth, Amelia and Cecilia Benza, and June and Avery Close.

Bill is survived by a number of nieces, nephews and one very loving and loyal friend, Mary K. Reitenour, who has become a special member of his family.

June and Bill were married almost 64 years when she died on April 2, 2000. She could not have had a better caretaker during the last challenging years of her life. He was preceded in death by his brother, Marion Lingle.

Bill's last outing was to attend the dedication of Lingle Auditorium at the new Reid Hospital. It was a wonderful occasion for him.

Bill had often said that no one could have had a better life than he. We could not have had a better father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. We'll miss him.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the wonderful care Bill received during his stays at Reid Hospital and from the staff at Arbor Trace during the past 16 months.

Visitation for W.P. "Bill" Lingle will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009, at First English Lutheran Church, 2727 National Road East, Richmond. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, January 9, 2009, at the Church with Rev. John Walker and Rev. Brian Derrer officiating. Burial will be in Lutherania Cemetery. Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to First English Lutheran Church, 2727 National Road East, Richmond, IN 47374 or Reid Hospital Foundation, 1100 Reid Parkway, Richmond, IN 47374.

Thank you

to everyone who reached out to all our family with the loss of our loved one. Some of you sent a card, visited, brought food or other needs, gave memorials, sent flowers or shared fond memories with us. All were appreciated. Thank you to Pastor Raymond Warner for the beautiful message and the ladies of the Indian Village Church of God for the lovely meal. Thank you to the entire staff of Feller-Clark Funeral Home for making us feel like family at your facility and especially Justin, for your kind and helpful guidance during a very difficult time. Most of all, thank you to God for sharing Lorna with us for 84-1/2 years. We were truly blessed.

The Family of Lorna P. DeLong

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Ann Jensen

ORLAND — Ann Jensen, 62, of Orland and formerly of Fremont died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jensen

Mrs. Jensen was the owner of S.A. Jensen Trucking Co. in Orland.

She attended Cornerstone Family Church in Angola.

Mrs. Jensen enjoyed country and western music and in her free time enjoyed gambling.

She was born July 2, 1946, in Pikeville, Ky., to Oscar Mullins and Braska (Calhoun) Winters. She married Raymond "Gene" Jensen in 1984. He survives in Orland.

Also surviving are four sons, Daral Ratliff of Ashley, Darron Ratliff of Angola, Rick Devlin of Angola and Robbie Devlin of Angola; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Rose Steel of Paulding, Ohio; two brothers, Reed Sowards of Stroh and James Calhoun of Pennsylvania; and her stepfather, Harold Winters of Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Allen Sowards.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Orland Fire and Rescue.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Betty Smith

ANGOLA — Betty I. Smith, 71, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Smith had retired from the finishing department at Moore's Business Forms in Angola.

She was born Aug. 15, 1937, in Angola to Daniel and Audrey (Wiggins) Danning. She married Bernie C. Smith on July 26, 1958. He preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Rusty Smith of Angola; two grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and two sisters, Wava Hanna of Detroit, Mich., and Myrtle Ellen Bernhardt of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Dale, Dan and Bob Danning, and a sister, Marian Elder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Nicholas Peters

INDIANAPOLIS — Nicholas Victor Peters, 47, of Indianapolis died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008.

Mr. Peters was active in the Franklin Township Youth Softball League.

He had attended both St. Michael School in Brookville and Brookville High School and had received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Indianapolis.

Mr. Peters had undergone surgery for a congenital heart defect as an infant at Indiana University in a revolutionary procedure by Dr. Harris Schumaker.

He was born June 23, 1961, the son of Dr. Elmer Peters and Agnes Kotso Peters. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Brookville.

Also surviving are his wife, Kathy Newnam Peters; two children, Nicholas Adam Peters and Elizabeth Anne Peters; and Eleanor Peters of New York, Mary Susan Peters of Brookville, Dr. John Peters of Greenwood, Joe Peters of Gosport and Andrew Peters of Brookville.

Services were Monday at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Catholic Church.

Memorials are to Saint Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Service, 2500 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46203.

Daniel O'Riley Funeral Home in Indianapolis is in charge of arrangements.

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Mildred Renner

LIGONIER — Mildred Lois Renner, 84, of Ligonier passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at 10:10 a.m. at the Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mrs. Renner was born on June 23, 1924, in Noble County to Carl and Nellie (Barkley) Schlemmer. On March 21, 1948, she married Harold O. Renner at the Burr Oak Church outside of Ligonier. Mr. Renner passed away on April 3, 1977.

Mrs. Renner

Mrs. Renner was the Ligonier City Clerk for 12 years and worked at the Ligonier Library for many years. She was the bookkeeper for her husband's business, H.O. Renner Well Drilling and Renner Sanitation Service, both of Ligonier.

Mrs. Renner was a graduate of the International Business College of Fort Wayne and the Dayton Business College.

She was known to be a excellent seamstress and enjoyed golfing, walking and keeping busy with projects around her home.

She is survived by one son and his wife, Warren "Todd" and Marie Renner of Ligonier; one daughter and her husband, Joanne "Jody" and Myron Whitcomb of Sturgis Mich.; four grandchildren, Christopher Yeager, Gabriel Renner, Susie Renner, Mandy Maxwell, David Maxwell and Jennifer Stewart; five great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Helen Schlemmer of Ligonier; and two sisters, Nina Case of Ligonier and Lila Barkley of Almeta, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Richard Schlemmer and Ted Schlemmer; and two sisters, Esther Faye Fisel and Carol Duesler.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier. Pastor Burton Smith will officiate. Burial will follow at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, 2009, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Ligonier Library.

Send online condolences to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Wilbur West

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilbur R. West, 83, of Wolcottville died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at his residence.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Further arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Leonard Leichty

LEO — Leonard John Leichty, 85, died Tuesday, January 6, 2009, after a brief stay in Kingston Assisted Living Memory Care Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was born on April 3, 1923, in Grabill, Ind., to the late Dan and Alma (Yoder) Leichty. He married Carolyn Hartzler on January 16, 1954, in Topeka, Ind.

Mr. Leichty

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Leichty of Leo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Renell Leichty of Leo and LaMar and Laura Leichty of Auburn; and five grandchildren, Megan, Emilee, Jacob, Logan and Shelby.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Myrl Leichty, and three sisters, Samilda Leichty, Kathryn Lovett and Evelyn Ridgway.

Leonard retired from farming but continued to help his sons farm until 2005. In the past, he drove a truck for County Line Cheese and was in construction.

He was a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church.

Calling will be held on Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at North Leo Mennonite Church.

Services will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. with calling one hour prior at the church. Pastor Brent Leichty will officiate.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 1900 Carew St., Suite 6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; North Leo Mennonite Church, Box 213, Leo, IN 46765; or to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, IN.

Wilbur West

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilbur R. West, 83, of Wolcottville died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at his home.

Mr. West had retired from the Indiana Gas Co. in Muncie.

He was a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. He fought in the Korean War and received a Purple Heart for injuries he received in Korea. He also served during the Vietnam War.

Mr. West

Mr. West was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

He was born Aug. 16, 1925, in Forbus, Tenn., to Durby and Martha (Davidson) West. He married Rosemary Thornbro on Aug. 14, 1949, in Muncie. She died in September 1991. He then married Betty Davidson. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Cindy West of Wolcottville, Charlie and Becky Miller of Muncie, Robert Schuyler of Muncie and Larry Schuyler of Portland; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James West; and two sisters, Berma Schuyler and infant sister, Teresa, who died at birth.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at South Side Church of the Nazarene, 3500 W. Fuson Road, Muncie, with the Rev. Andy Cole officiating. Burial will be in Tomlinson Cemetery at Muncie.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday prior to the service at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Ida Scott

BUTLER — Ida M. Scott, 92, of Butler died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

There are no visitation hours or funeral services planned.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Berniece Jones

AUBURN — Berniece F. Jones, 94, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Barbara Mullet

SHIPSHEWANA — Barbara Mullet, 81, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at her home in Sarasota, Fla.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the David Wingard residence, 3715 N. S.R. 5, Shipshewana. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday and 1-8 p.m. Saturday at the Wingard residence.

Services in Florida are today.

Amos Sutton

KENDALLVILLE — Amos Sutton, 82, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Jeanie Keene

WAWAKA — Jeanie E. Keene, 59, of Wawaka died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery near Wawaka.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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George Byron Iddings, 77

AUBURN — George Byron Iddings, 77, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He retired in 1996 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Iddings was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240, LaGrange Gas and Steam Association and Cedar Creek Engine Club.

He formerly had attended Indian Village Church of God.

He was born Feb. 10, 1931, in Avilla to Robert and Mary (Christlieb) Iddings. He married Beverly Grogg Shoudel on April 1, 1977, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Iddings of Turkey Lake and Gary and Linda Iddings of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Ronnie Cooper of Butler; a stepson, Ron Shoudel and Val Pineiro of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Diane and Jerald Scott of Auburn and Sandy and Dexter Brown of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Wanda Iddings of West Virginia; and five sisters and a brother-in-aw, Sandra Rutherford of Albion, Wanda Cowley of LaGrange, Linda Dilly of Auburn, Lois and Hal Harp of Kendallville and Blanch Iddings of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Donald Iddings; and a stepdaughter, Laurie Ann Haiflich.

Services were at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Sam Weimer officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert W. Lepper, 81

KIMMELL – Robert W. Lepper, 81, a resident of rural Kimmell, died at 7:55 p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2008, at his residence following an illness of nearly three years.

Mr. Lepper was born on July 4, 1927 in Fort Wayne, a son of the late Warren B. and Mary K. (Chapman) Lepper. As a young man he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, and served during World War II at the Great Lakes Naval Station, served aboard the USS Cape Esperance, and was a recipient of the Victory Medal.

He worked at the Fort Wayne Auto Auction in the body and paint department for 12 years.

On Juy 11, 1962 he was married in New Haven to Vera M. Walker. She survives.

In addition to his wife he is survived by seven sons, James (Marsha) Lepper of Butler, Charles Lepper of Fort Wayne, Keith (Darla) Lepper of Dahlonega, Ga., Gary Lepper of Kimmell, Randy Lepper of Churubusco, and Carl (Cindy) Lepper of Kimmell; a daughter, Shelly (John) Davies of Fort Wayne; seventeen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Florence Rogers; and a brother James Lepper.

Memorial services were held at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Gordon L. Samra of Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home, officiating. Interment will be at a later date.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Lepper's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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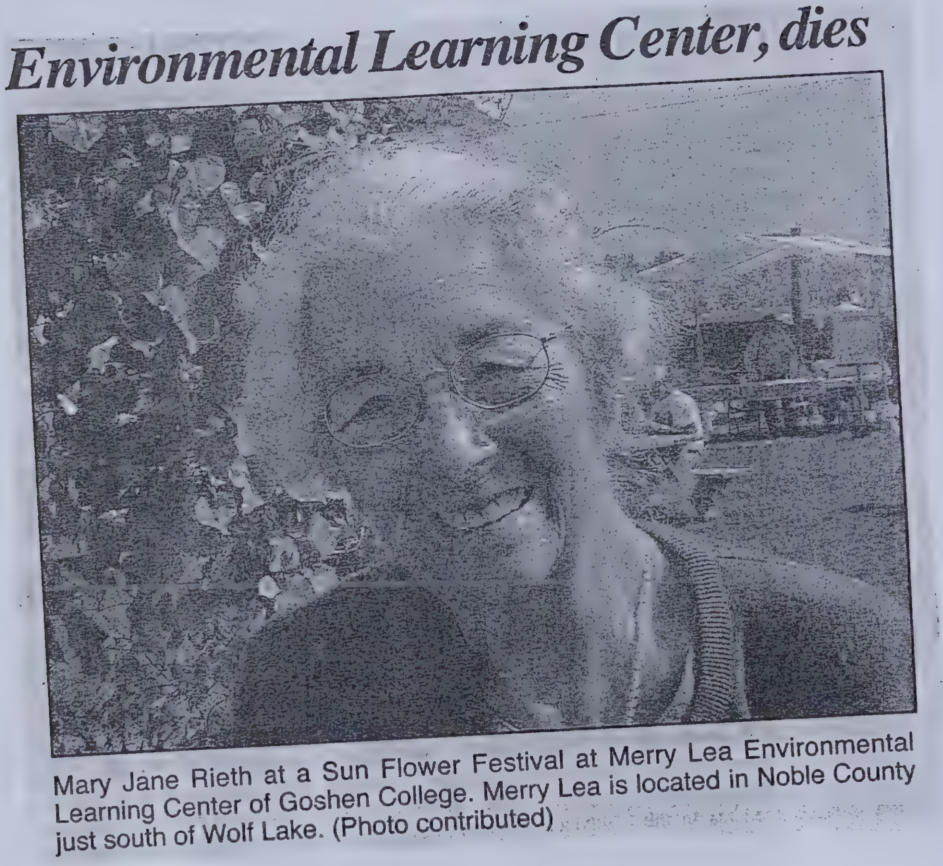
Mary Jane Rieth, donor of Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, dies



Environmental Learning Center, dies

Mary Jane Rieth at a Sun Flower Festival at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. Merry Lea is located in Noble County just south of Wolf Lake. (Photo contributed)

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GOSHEN, Ind. – Mary Jane George Rieth, 92, a prominent Indiana conservationist and philanthropist, died Wednesday, Dec. 31 at her home in Goshen.

In 1964, Mary Jane and her husband Lee Rieth co-founded the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center near Wolf Lake, Ind., in Noble County. They had a dream of establishing a natural sanctuary and hoped that people of all ages could learn about how the earth sustains life.

The Rieths carefully nurtured their dream and developed Merry Lea into one of the largest privately owned environmental education facilities in Indiana. In 1980, with the assistance of the Nature Conservancy, they called on Goshen College to be the steward of this resource and to operate the environmental center. Then-president J. Lawrence Burkholder pledged that the college would be "instrumental in the fulfillment of the Rieths' dreams for Merry Lea as a center with a permanent educational program of considerable significance."

The 1,189-acre facility is one of the premiere environmental facilities in the Midwest that provides educational resources for over 7,000 elementary visitors, undergraduates in environmental science and interdisciplinary studies, as well as graduate students. Merry Lea's unique landscape includes a diversity of forest, prairie and wetland ecosystems. It is now also home to Rieth Village, an ecological field station for environmental study that is the only US Green Building Council LEED Platinum project in Indiana, Michigan or Ohio. Merry Lea also is the site of the college's master's program in environmental education.

"Mary Jane had a tenacity to fulfill the vision that she and her husband birthed together," said Executive Director of Merry Lea Luke Gascho. "She was always wanting to make sure there was a solid foundation for Merry Lea in terms of the programs we offer, a strong connection to the college and broader financial support."

Goshen College President James E. Brenneman expressed his condolences to the Rieth family and appreciation for Mary Jane's many contributions. "I join many others at Goshen College in grieving Mary Jane Rieth's passing from this earth and praying with her family," Brenneman said. "Mary Jane and her husband, Lee, made a generous gift in helping to create the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center. They left an invaluable legacy through their vision of creating a natural land sanctuary for the plants and animals of Northern Indiana and helping provide environmental education for future generations."

Mrs. Rieth was born in West Lafayette, Ind., and grew up in Marion, Ind., where she graduated from Marion High School in 1933. She attended Ball State University and trained as a dietician at Purdue University where she received a bachelor's degree in 1938 and master's degree in 1942.

After graduate school, she served as a staff dietician at the Indiana University Medical School Hospital in Indianapolis and then married Lee A. Rieth in 1944. She assisted him in his executive roles with the family business, Rieth-Riley Construction Company.

Mrs. Rieth's generosity enabled Goshen College to create an environmental science laboratory when the college renovated and expanded the Science Hall in 1992. To insure strong financial support for Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, Mary Jane established endowment funds with community foundations in Elkhart and Noble Counties, as well as the Rieth Endowment Fund for Merry Lea. In the 1980s, she served on the President's Advisory Board for Merry Lea, and more recently as a permanent member of Merry Lea's Board of Trustees. Declining heath in recent years limited her roles, but her support for environmental education and preservation never wavered.

"Mary Jane Rieth's passion for Merry Lea was unfailing," said Larry Yoder, the first director of Merry Lea under the college's leadership. "I treasure the relationship we enjoyed over more than two decades. She was an inspiration to all."

Mrs. Rieth was not a distant philanthropist. She welcomed the staff for picnics at her Klinger Lake cottage and visited Merry Lea regularly. She was happy to lend a hand with the work as the staff prepared for special events and festivals.

Though the Rieths never had children of their own, they loved children dearly. According to Betty Martin, of Goshen, who cared for Mary Jane, the Rieths' beach house at Klinger Lake, Mich., was always open to children. The couple welcomed not only their nieces and nephews, but also the children of many friends, patiently cleaning up the sand the children dragged in. The Rieths also shared trips to Florida with children they knew. And both Lee and Mary Jane loved to teach children about nature and history. Indeed, the youth of northern Indiana – kindergartners to graduate students – benefit from the continuing vision of their "Aunt Mary Jane."

While Merry Lea was their primary philanthropic interest, the Rieths were the quiet benefactors of other major projects including the 47-bell carillon at Christ the King Cathedral in Kalamazoo, Mich. Lee Rieth passed away in 1984.

In 1991, Mrs. Rieth established the Rieth Professorship in Environmental Engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering at Purdue University, her husband's alma mater. She and her two sister-in-laws, Beth and Martha, made significant financial contributions to the Rieth Interpretive Center in Goshen.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Rieth's sister Marge Baker and her brother Robert George preceeded her in death. She is survived by her sister Virginia Karl of Geneseo, N.Y., as well as nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Sunday, January 4, 2009 at Greencroft Meetinghouse at The Gables, with Luke Gascho officiating.

Others participating in the memorial service were Andy Rieth, Mrs. Rieth's nephew; Bob McCormick, past President of Reith-Riley; J. Lawrence Burkholder, Goshen College President Emeritus; Larry Yoder, Emeritus Assistant to the Director of Merry Lea and Associate Professor of Biology; and Joy LeCount, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Mary Jane Rieth leaves living legacy

by Joy LeCount

The Rieth name was a household word in my home growing up. My father worked for Rieth-Riley Construction Company on several projects back in the late 1940's and 50's. He often spoke of Lee and Blair Rieth during those years.

However, it was through our mutual friend Susan Prickett of Albion that I first met Mary Jane Rieth. Although there was a difference in their ages, both Mary Jane and Susan had Marion, Indiana ties.

Mary Jane's gentle manner was what impressed me most. Unlike so many with her financial means, she was genuine — not haughty or stilted.

We shared an interest in genealogy, and on one visit she showed us her volumes of research. Family — past and present — was important to Mary Jane. Although she had no children of her own, she loved her nieces and nephews with great passion and they have been blessed to be the recipient of that love.

Another common interest we shared was an appreciation for nature and the importance of caring for our environment. I learned that Lee and Mary Jane Rieth had gathered together a large tract in Noble County that was intended for nature and religious study. It was through Mary Jane that I was formally introduced to the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, and to Dr. Larry Yoder who was the executive director of Merry Lea at the time.

As a member of the Noble County Board of Commissioners and Drainage Board, I had occasion to work with Dr. Yoder and the Noble County Surveyor on a drainage project that went through the Merry Lea property. We were successful in employing working methods that caused only minimal environmental impact.

When the Mennonite Board and Goshen College determined that oversight of Merry Lea should take a different direction and an initial steering committee was being appointed, I was asked to serve. That service continued after an official board of directors was formed.

In those earlier years, it was a delight to work closely with Mary Jane as her goals for Merry Lea moved forward. It has been a privilege to watch the dreams of Lee and Mary Jane Rieth unfold into reality. Rieth Village now stands as a working memorial to their commitment to the environment, their generosity and their foresight.

The citizens of Noble County, Northeastern Indiana and the Midwest have been given a place where a variety of ecosystems are being preserved for future generations to study and enjoy. Thank you Mary Jane. What a marvelous gift!

We are saddened by your passing and our loss, but we know you are at rest and that heaven is rejoicing.

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Nurse dies after fall

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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> *"Mary was just a loving and caring woman who helped so many people."*
>
> **Bryan Shearer**
> Ligonier Police Chief

LIGONIER — Family members and friends are dealing today with the unexpected death of Mary M. Janes of Ligonier, who was well-known as a friend, nurse and caregiver to hundreds of members of the community for many years.

Janes, 73, lost her life Wednesday after slipping on ice and falling at a rural Ligonier residence. She suffered a head injury from the fall, but the actual cause of death has not yet been determined.

Over the years, she had worked for several doctors in the area and also provided nursing care to many people in their homes. She was visiting one of her homebound patients at their residence Wednesday afternoon when the accident took place.

"This is just so tragic," said Ligonier Police Chief Bryan Shearer, who also is a close friend of the Janes family. "Mary was just a loving and caring woman who helped so many people. This is sad for everyone."

Mary Janes was longtime caregiver in Ligonier area

Janes' stepson is Tom Janes, a member of the Noble County Council, and owner of the Charger House Restaurant in Ligonier, where she was a regular customer.

Further details about the accident were not available this morning. Shearer said Noble County EMS and Sparta Township first responders were the first on the accident scene. She was pronounced dead at the site by paramedics.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Janes are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier. More information on those services will be in Friday's News-Sun.

Mary Janes

LIGONIER — Mary M. Janes, 73, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Berniece Jones

AUBURN — Berniece Frieda Jones, 94, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jones attended school in Garrett and graduated in 1932. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 21, 1914, in rural Garrett to Aaron and Artie (Weller) Pound. She married Alvin Luther Jones in Garrett on June 8, 1935. He died after 59 years of marriage on Feb. 9, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Frieda May Smigelski of Wisconsin; a son and daughter-in-law, Edwin Paul and Sharon Jones of Florida; two daughters-in-law, Betty Jones of Garrett and Beverly Jones of Auburn; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Alvin Jones and Dale Jones; a daughter, Mary Lallow; and a sister and her husband, Mary Effie and Harold Wilcoxson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Lloyd Harlan will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Amos Sutton

KENDALLVILLE — Amos Sutton, 82, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Sutton

Mr. Sutton worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville as a supervisor for 35 years before retiring in 1985.

He was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mr. Sutton was born in Hindman, Ky., on Aug. 13, 1926, to Jake and Mary (Slone) Sutton. He married Gracie Gibson on May 12, 1945, in Carrie, Ky. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Danny Sutton and Dana Slone of Wolcottville and Randy and Jewell Sutton of Auburn; a daughter, Patty and Richard Beckley of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 13 brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Community Baptist Church at Wolcottville with Lee Combs and Birtchell Mosley officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery at South Milford.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Cancer Services of Fort Wayne.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ınomas McKinley

ANGOLA — Thomas W. McKinley, 56, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at Cameron Community Hospital, Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Thomas McGuire

ALBION — Thomas A. McGuire, 68, of Albion, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco in Allen County.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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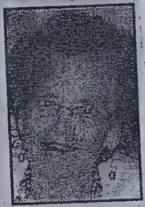
June Bachelor

ANGOLA — June Lenore Bachelor, 84, of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.


Mrs. Bachelor

Mrs. Bachelor aided with the family dairy farming operation and enjoyed taking care of her Jersey cows.

She was a graduate of Kendallville High School and a member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church near Angola. She was a member of O.E.S. 229, Ashley.

Mrs. Bachelor also enjoyed doing crafts, making jewelry, gardening, flowers and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 9, 1924, in Wolcottville to James and Gladys (Hanson) Koon. She married Max L. Bachelor on Jan. 2, 1944. He died May 16, 2006.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen P. and Lynda L. Bachelor of Angola; three grandsons and their wives, Cory and Stacy Bachelor of Orland, Curtis and Jenny Bachelor of Angola and Shawn and Jackie Bachelor of Orland; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Jean McClue and Jessie Barroquillo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, 4710 W. Bachelor Road, Angola, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery near Fremont.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Michael Starrett

RUTLEDGE, Tenn. — Michael Wayne "Lugnut" Starrett, 42, of Rutledge died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at the Regional Medical Center in Anniston, Ala., of a sudden illness.

Mr. Starrett

Mr. Starrett was an independent truck driver.

He was a native of Harlan County, Ky.

Mr. Starrett was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Ginger Kay Bledsoe Starrett of Rutledge; a son, Sgt. Andy Bledsoe and his wife, Jessica, of Fort Knox, Ky; his mother, Linda Baker of Shipshewana, Ind.; his father, Monroe Starrett of Lejunior, Ky; and three brothers, Eddie Starrett and his wife, Judy, of Topeka, Ind; Rick Starrett and fiance, Tammy, of Shipshewana, and James Starrett and his wife, Millie, of Sturgis, Mich.; a brother-in-law, Sgt. James Bledsoe of Fort Bragg, N.C.; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Evarts Funeral Home in Evarts, Ky., with the Rev. James Sanders officiating.

Calling will be after 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Online condolences sent to the family at www.harlanobits.net.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 8, 2009, Thursday

Nurse dies after fall

Mary Janes was long-time caregiver, friend to many

BY BOB BUTTGEN

LIGONIER — A Ligonier woman, who was well-known as a nurse and caregiver to hundreds of members of her community for many years, died after a tragic accident Wednesday.

Mary M. Janes lost her life after slipping and falling on ice at a rural Ligonier residence.

Mrs. Janes, 73, had worked for several doctors in the area and also provided nursing care to many people in their homes. She was visiting one of her home-bound patients at their residence Wednesday when the accident took place.

"This is just so tragic," said Ligonier Police Chief Bryan Shearer, who also is a close friend of the Janes family. "Mary was just a loving and caring woman who helped so many people. This is sad for everyone."

Mrs. Janes' step-son is Tom Janes, a member of the Noble County Council, and owner of the Charger House Restaurant in Ligonier, where she was a regular customer.

Her exact cause of death, and other details of the accident, were not available late Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Janes are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier. More details on her services will be in Thursday and Friday's News-Sun.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 8, 2009, Thursday

Mildred Lois Renner

LIGONIER — Mildred Lois Renner, 84, of Ligonier passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at 10:10 a.m. at the Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mrs. Renner was born on June 23, 1924, in Noble County to Carl and Nellie (Barkley) Schlemmer. On March 21, 1948, she married Harold O. Renner at the Burr Oak Church outside of Ligonier. Mr. Renner passed away on April 3, 1977.

Mrs. Renner was the Ligonier City Clerk for 12 years and worked at the Ligonier Library for many years. She was the bookkeeper for her husband's business, H.O. Renner Well Drilling and Renner Sanitation Service, both of Ligonier.

Mrs. Renner was a graduate of the International Business College of Fort Wayne and the Dayton Business College.

She was known to be a excellent seamstress and enjoyed golfing, walking and keeping busy with projects around her home.

She is survived by one son and his wife, Warren "Todd" and Marie Renner of Ligonier; one daughter and her husband, Joanne "Jody" and Myron Whitcomb of Sturgis Mich.; four grandchildren, Christopher Yeager, Gabriel Renner, Susie Renner, Mandy Maxwell, David Maxwell and Jennifer Stewart; five great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Helen Schlemmer of Ligonier; and two sisters, Nina Case of Ligonier and Lila Barkley of Almeta, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Richard Schlemmer and Ted Schlemmer; and two sisters, Esther Faye Fisel and Carol Duesler.

A memorial service was held today, at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier. Pastor Burton Smith will officiate. Burial will follow at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial visitation was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, 2009, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Ligonier Library.

Send online condolences to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Jeanie Keene

WAWAKA — Jeanie E. Keene, 59, of Wawaka died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery near Wawaka.

Calling will be from 4-8

Janis Rarick

CROMWELL — Janis M. Rarick, 71, of Cromwell died at 2:40 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at Avalon Village of Ligonier.

Mrs. Rarick was a lifetime area resident.

Services were Monday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Brad Cox officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Robert Lepper

KIMMELL — Robert W. Lepper, 81, of rural Kimmell died at 7:55 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, 2008, at his residence following an illness of nearly three years.

Memorial were held last Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with military rites by the U.S. Navy funeral detail. Burial will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Rose Jones

AUBURN — Rose H. Jones, 98, passed away Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Rose was a member of the Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) in Cathlamet, Washington, and attended New Hope Christian Center for the last 10 years, since moving to Indiana.

Mrs. Jones

Rose was a gifted person, given to much encouragement and hospitality. She loved the Lord and all people.

She loved music and always played piano by ear and sang in public.

She was a 50-year member of the Elochoman Grange in Cathlamet. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Randall and Joanne Stout of Bellingham, Wash.; one devoted daughter and caregiver and a son-in-law, Sharon and Billy Joe Servis of Waterloo; five stepdaughters; 28 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Hattiet (Flynn) Porter, and her husbands, Ora Wood, Ralph Stout, Walt Tibbs and Ivan Jones. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Wood; a daughter, Elaine Brister; a stepson, Victor Stout; two brothers, Clint Porter and Ted Porter; and three sisters, Pearl Allen, Grace Yule and Mabel Haga.

There will be no visitation or funeral service because all of her living relatives reside on the West Coast. A celebration of her life may be held in the future.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are encouraged for DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice, the Betz Nursing Home activity fund or D.A.R.T., the Heimach Center van service.

Thomas McKinley

ANGOLA — Thomas W. McKinley, 56, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Francis Yockey

BRONSON, Mich. — Francis W. Yockey, 88, of Bronson died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at Sturgis Hospital.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Bronson. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Flint, Ind.

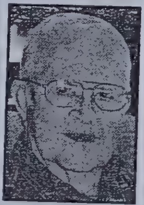
Calling will will be one hour prior to services.

Kolcz Funeral Home of Bronson is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Cass

FORT WAYNE — Donald C. Cass, 83, passed away Thursday, January 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Ligonier, he was the superintendent with Fort Wayne Foundry Corp. for 33 years.


Mr. Cass

He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Avilla, and Knights of Columbus 4th degree.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Jane K. Cass of Huntertown; his children and their spouses, Barbara M. (Dave) Sheefel, Michael C. (Donna) Cass, and Pamela S. (Dave) Kloer, all of Fort Wayne, and Mark S. Cass of Huntertown; his grandchildren, Christina Spagnola, Scott Sheefel, Adam Sheefel, Angela Shook, Shane Cass, Hollie Schneider, Kara Hoeppner, Kevin Kloer, Kim Pranger, Bryan Cass and Cami Gardner; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 228 N. Main St., Avilla, Rev. Edward E. Erpelding officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road with a Rosary at 7 p.m. and a vigil at 7:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

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Mary Janes

LIGONIER — Mary M. Janes, 73, died unexpectedly at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, in Ligonier.

Mrs. Janes

Mrs. Janes was a lifetime area resident.

She graduated from South Bend Memorial School of Nursing in 1956 and went on to serve in the nursing profession for more than 52 years, performing duties spanning from a surgical nurse to a home health care nurse.

Mrs. Janes had also worked for several years as an office nurse for Dr. Hooker and Dr. Waterfall.

She was a 1953 graduate of Ligonier High School where she excelled in basketball and softball.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Mrs. Janes was an avid University of Notre Dame fan.

She was born May 13, 1935, to Ray and Leah (Summers) Shell. She married H.T. "Sonny" Janes on Jan. 14, 1967. He died Feb. 17, 1995.

Surviving are six children and their spouses, David W. and Pamela Alles of Ligonier, Chris and Catherine Alles Muesing of Greenwood, Lisa Janes and her partner, Schlene, of Syracuse, Thomas E. and Tammy Janes of Ligonier, Marcia B. and Glen Hicks and Anita B. and Jim Cassidy of Cromwell; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Shell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier with Father Wilson Corzo officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be Samuel Muesing, Jace Morgan, Douglas Alles, Tyler Alles, Andrew Janes, Clay Preston, Scott Hicks and Clay Hicks.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, the Humane Society of the United States or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Robert Wappes

AVILLA — Robert C. Wappes, 89, of Avilla died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home where he had been a resident since 1999.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Fairview Cemetery at Huntertown.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Etzler

FORT WAYNE — Edna B. Etzler of Fort Wayne and formerly of Angola passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009.

Mrs. Etzler was born in Nottingham, England. She came to America as the the bride of Leroy H. Etzler in 1946.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Geraldine and Joseph Swager of Lakeland, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Linda Etzler of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren and their spouses, Deborah and Jonathan Atkins of Orange, Va., D.L. Poer of Bloomington, Darrell Poer of Bloomington, Stephannie and Robert Goodman of Fort Wayne, Jennifer and Nick Rich of Fort Wayne and Matthew Etzler of Chicago. She was blessed with five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson St. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Concordia High School Scholarship Fund or Lutheran Social Services.

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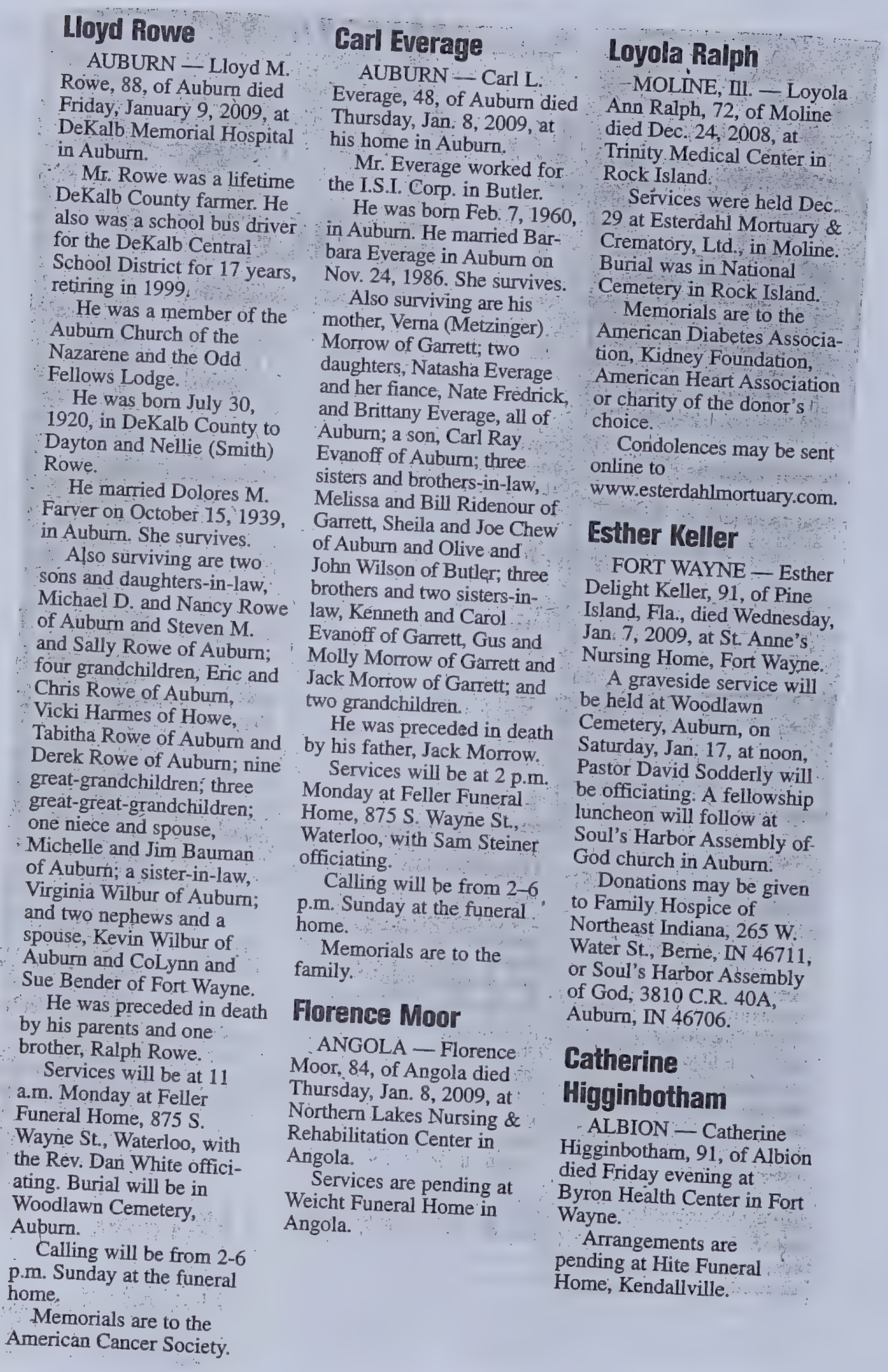

Lloyd Rowe

AUBURN — Lloyd M. Rowe, 88, of Auburn died Friday, January 9, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Rowe was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer. He also was a school bus driver for the DeKalb Central School District for 17 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He was born July 30, 1920, in DeKalb County to Dayton and Nellie (Smith) Rowe.

He married Dolores M. Farver on October 15, 1939, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael D. and Nancy Rowe of Auburn and Steven M. and Sally Rowe of Auburn; four grandchildren, Eric and Chris Rowe of Auburn, Vicki Harmes of Howe, Tabitha Rowe of Auburn and Derek Rowe of Auburn; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one niece and spouse, Michelle and Jim Bauman of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Virginia Wilbur of Auburn; and two nephews and a spouse, Kevin Wilbur of Auburn and CoLynn and Sue Bender of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ralph Rowe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Carl Everage

AUBURN — Carl L. Everage, 48, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Everage worked for the I.S.I. Corp. in Butler.

He was born Feb. 7, 1960, in Auburn. He married Barbara Everage in Auburn on Nov. 24, 1986. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Verna (Metzinger) Morrow of Garrett; two daughters, Natasha Everage and her fiance, Nate Fredrick, and Brittany Everage, all of Auburn; a son, Carl Ray Evanoff of Auburn; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Melissa and Bill Ridenour of Garrett, Sheila and Joe Chew of Auburn and Olive and John Wilson of Butler; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Carol Evanoff of Garrett, Gus and Molly Morrow of Garrett and Jack Morrow of Garrett; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Morrow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Sam Steiner officiating.

Calling will be from 2–6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Florence Moor

ANGOLA — Florence Moor, 84, of Angola died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Loyola Ralph

MOLINE, Ill. — Loyola Ann Ralph, 72, of Moline died Dec. 24, 2008, at Trinity Medical Center in Rock Island.

Services were held Dec. 29 at Esterdahl Mortuary & Crematory, Ltd., in Moline. Burial was in National Cemetery in Rock Island.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, Kidney Foundation, American Heart Association or charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.esterdahlmortuary.com.

Esther Keller

FORT WAYNE — Esther Delight Keller, 91, of Pine Island, Fla., died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at St. Anne's Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, on Saturday, Jan. 17, at noon, Pastor David Sodderly will be officiating. A fellowship luncheon will follow at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God church in Auburn.

Donations may be given to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711, or Soul's Harbor Assembly of God, 3810 C.R. 40A, Auburn, IN 46706.

Catherine Higginbotham

ALBION — Catherine Higginbotham, 91, of Albion died Friday evening at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Eva Muesing

LAKE WALES, Fla. — Eva M. Muesing of Lake Wales and formerly of Avilla, Kendallville, Wolcottville and Sebring, Fla., died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at the Lake Wales Medical Center, Lake Wales, Fla.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Ronald Smart

SEBRING, Fla. — Ronald J. Smart, 68, of Sebring, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel of Peace, Lakeview Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Interment will follow with military honors by the VFW Post No. 4300.

Calling is an hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are by Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood, Fla.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 11 2009, Sunday

Tributes

Lopshire loved people and life

BY JIM SHILANDER
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WALL LAKE — Friends say Steven Lopshire earned his nickname, "Smiley," because of a sunny disposition.

Lopshire, 65, died Dec. 26, after a brief battle with lung cancer. Lopshire was an active part of the Sons of The American Legion at the Orland American Legion Post No. 423, and a member of the Legion Riders.

Bill McClanahan of Orland said one of Lopshire's co-workers at National Serv-All in Fort Wayne gave Lopshire the nickname.

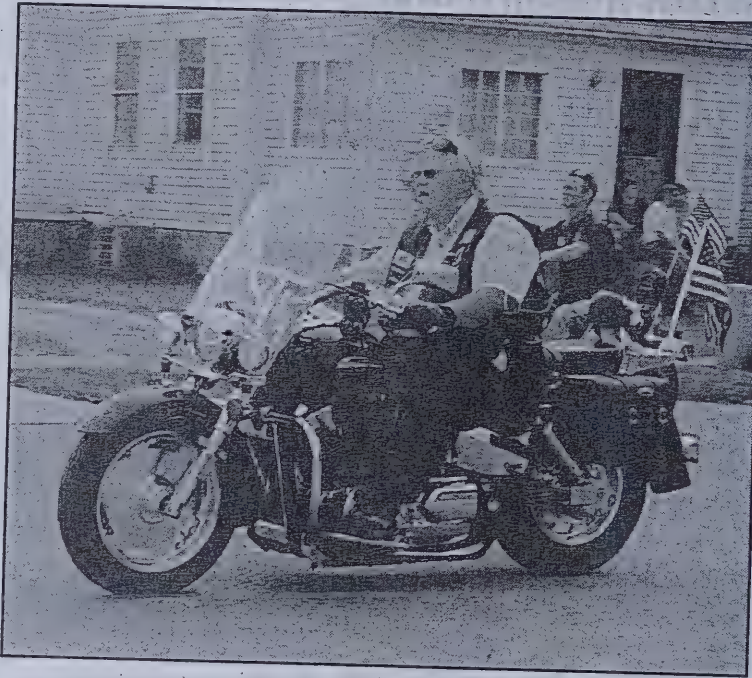
"He just, wherever he went, always had a smile on his face," McClanahan said. "Steve had lots of friends. Anybody that ever knew him, they liked him."

John McLaughlin of Angola knew Lopshire since high school and worked with him for 30 years. He said Lopshire's mood made him a natural salesman.

"He liked people, he was a people person," McLaughlin said. "He just had that upbeat personality. He knew no strangers. I never heard him say anything bad about anybody, and he always had a wisecrack. That's the way he was his whole life."

Lopshire's adopted sister, Joyce Erler of Wall Lake, said there's was a unique relationship.

"He was the youngest," Erler said. "I was adopted into the family at 5-years-old. I was his older sister by two months, but he was always like a big brother." Because the two were so close in age, they did most everything together. "We were always competitive, he was my rock," Erler said. "He was my protector. We went out on (double) dates together. I was able to go out on dates a little earlier than I would have because I had to take him with me." The difference in their ages also allowed Erler and Lopshire to have some fun with their teachers growing up, she said.



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Steven Lopshire of Orland threw himself into his life as a member of the Orland American Legion riders after getting his motorcycle at 60. Friends said Lopshire rarely missed an opportunity to ride in funerals or civic events.

Lopshire held a number of different jobs, especially after moving to the Steuben County area on a full-time basis. Erler said her brother loved that many of his jobs involved driving, and would take him throughout the area. "He loved the road," Erler said. "He loved driving." Lopshire especially loved taking back roads around the area to view the area's natural beauty. "He loved nature, the birds the trees. He used to always take me around the back roads, he said that's where you could see everything."

That love of the road extended to motorcycles, which Erler said her brother had loved since he was a teenager. However, their mother forbade him from getting one. "My mom was kind of domineering," Erler said. Lopshire finally got his motorcycle at age 60. McClanahan said he actually ended up trading out his motorcycle.

"When he bought his first one, he said it wasn't fast enough," he said. McClanahan, a fellow Legion rider, said Lopshire pretty much threw himself into riding. "He was very serious about it. He rode as an escort for a lot of funerals, and he did nearly every poker run and things like that," McClanahan said. "He obviously respected the soldiers. He was very proud of the U.S.A."

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 11, 2009, Sunday

Lois Johnson

BUTLER — Lois M. Johnson, 80, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb County Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Johnson

She was born on Aug. 9, 1928, in Franklin Township to Harold L. and Alice G. (Ridge) Newcomer.

A graduate of Hamilton High School, Lois worked at Indiana & Michigan Electric Co;., Universal Tool and Stamping, and for 50 years she served the community with her husband Reynold Johnson, managing H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home.

Lois married J. Reynold Johnson on Aug. 20, 1952 in Butler. He preceded her in death on June 18, 2003.

Lois was an avid gardener, enjoyed cooking and spending time with family.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Renee and Dave Harpster of Auburn and Lisa Johnson of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Jon and Mary Ann Johnson of Angola and Eric and Deborah Johnson of Butler; two special grandchildren, Riley and Makailah Thompson of Angola; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara Taylor of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Shirley and Dave Hamilton of Belton, Mo.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Karen Newcomer of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law James Taylor.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Eastside Volleyball Program or Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Ronald Smart

SEBRING, Fla. — Ronald J. Smart, 68, of Sebring died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009.

Mr. Smart had moved to the Sebring area in 1998.

He had retired from Flint & Walling in Kendallville.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Smart was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sebring. He was also a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to fish. He was a great carpenter.

Mr. Smart was born in Kendallville.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; two daughters, Cherie (Joe) Hawkins of Sebring and Christine (Dennis) Fleck of Kendallville; one son, Jerry Lee Longbrake of Bonaire, Ga.; four brothers, John (Bonnie) of Sebring, Robert (Jan) of Raleigh, N.C., William (Carol) of Sebring and Fred (Jeannette) of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Smart will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, in the Chapel of Peace, Lakeview Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with visitation one hour prior to service. Interment will follow the service with military honors being provided by VFW Post 4300.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 105 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, Fl 33823.

On line condolences may be left at www.bankspagetheus.com.

Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 11, 2009, Sunday

James McKinley

FORT WAYNE — James W. McKinley, 63, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a manufacturing engineer with Whitley Electronics Design Corporation.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, a member of First Assembly of God Christian Center and served at the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Mr. McKinley was born in Angola to Carl and Frances McKinley.

Survivors include: his wife, Marcia McKinley, Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Brian Wright, Columbus, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth McKinley, Tucson, Ariz., and Mitchell and Brenda McKinley, Pasadena, Calif.; two sisters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Douglas Fairfield, and Lois McKinley, all of Angola; and two sisters-in-law, Marlene McKinley, Angola, and Judy Miller, LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Walter and Willard McKinley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Assembly of God, 1400 W. Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, with Rev. Ron Hawkins officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Metz.

Calling will be one hour prior to services and also from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne,

Memorials are to the First Assembly of God or Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Patricia Schaeffer

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Patricia "Pat" E. Schaeffer, 82, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at Village Place Health & Rehab Center, Port Charlotte, Fla.

She lived in Fort Wayne and was vice president and secretary of the Roanoke Lanes, Roanoke, with her husband Donald, where they were proprietors until their retirement and relocation to Port Charlotte in 1981.

Mrs. Schaeffer

She was a member of the Port Charlotte United Methodist Church in Port Charlotte.

Mrs. Schaeffer was born on May 7, 1926, in Port Huron, Mich.

Surviving are: her husband Donald "Don" R. Schaeffer; a daughter and son-in-law, Lee Ann and Alfred Miguel, Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Ellen Holtman, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

A son, Gregory S. Schaeffer, and a grandson preceded her in death.

Services wil be at 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one hour prior to services on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are made in Eric Joseph Miguel's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 ST. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Catherine Higgenbotham

KENDALLVILLE — Catherine Rose Higginbotham, 91, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be Monday at noon at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betty Taylor

VAN BUREN — Betty A. Taylor, 70, of LaGrange died at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at LaGrange Church of God, LaGrange, with Pastors Brian VanOsdol and Steve McKee officiating. Final rites will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Gardens of Memory Chapel, Marion.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 4204, South Bend, IN 46634 or LaGrange Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange IN 46761.

Condolences may be sent online to www.glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, is in charge of arrangements.

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Katie Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Katie Miller, 92, of Middlebury, died at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at a residence at 13201 C.R. 28, Middlebury.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Calvin Mullet residence, 13320 C.R. 28, Middlebury, with Bishop Marvin Kauffman and Home Ministers officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be after noon today and all day Monday at the LaVern Yoder residence, 12921 C.R. 26, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Wolheter

KENDALLVILLE — Doris P. Wolheter, 92, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009 at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Velma Ensley-Rose

AVILLA — Velma Ensley-Rose, 77, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Lee Stackhouse

FREMONT — Lee Wayne Stackhouse, 68, of Barton Lake, Fremont, and Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements and military honors are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Wayne Strong

KENDALLVILLE — Wayne M. Strong, 78, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

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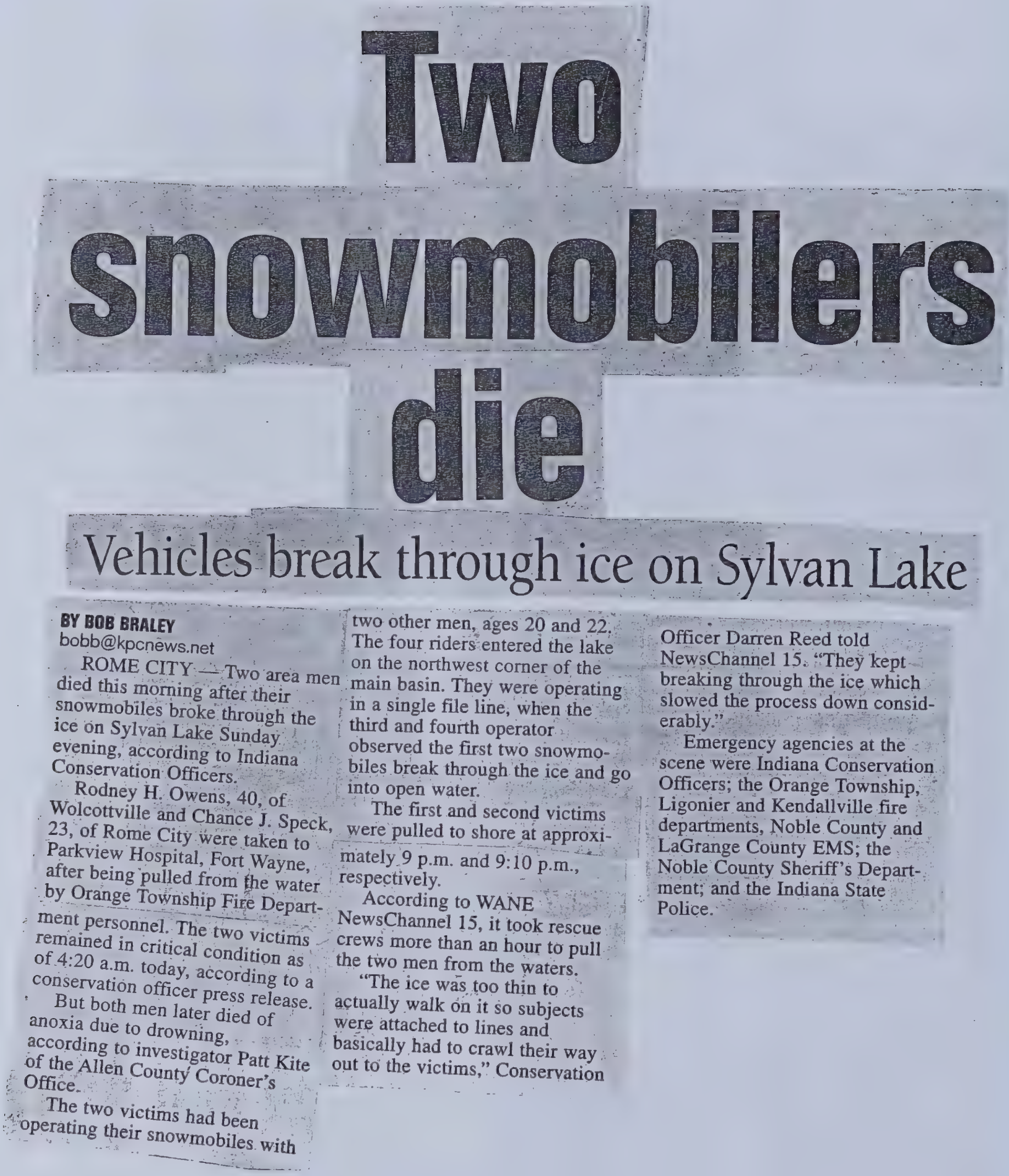

Two snowmobilers die

Vehicles break through ice on Sylvan Lake

BY BOB BRALEY
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ROME CITY — Two area men died this morning after their snowmobiles broke through the ice on Sylvan Lake Sunday evening, according to Indiana Conservation Officers.

Rodney H. Owens, 40, of Wolcottville and Chance J. Speck, 23, of Rome City were taken to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after being pulled from the water by Orange Township Fire Department personnel. The two victims remained in critical condition as of 4:20 a.m. today, according to a conservation officer press release.

But both men later died of anoxia due to drowning, according to investigator Patt Kite of the Allen County Coroner's Office.

The two victims had been operating their snowmobiles with two other men, ages 20 and 22. The four riders entered the lake on the northwest corner of the main basin. They were operating in a single file line, when the third and fourth operator observed the first two snowmobiles break through the ice and go into open water.

The first and second victims were pulled to shore at approximately 9 p.m. and 9:10 p.m., respectively.

According to WANE NewsChannel 15, it took rescue crews more than an hour to pull the two men from the waters.

"The ice was too thin to actually walk on it so subjects were attached to lines and basically had to crawl their way out to the victims," Conservation Officer Darren Reed told NewsChannel 15. "They kept breaking through the ice which slowed the process down considerably."

Emergency agencies at the scene were Indiana Conservation Officers; the Orange Township, Ligonier and Kendallville fire departments, Noble County and LaGrange County EMS; the Noble County Sheriff's Department; and the Indiana State Police.

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Doris Wolheter

Mrs. Wolheter

KENDALLVILLE — Doris Pauline Wolheter, 92, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, where she had resided for 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. Wolheter moved to this area at the age of seven from Constantine, Mich. She had worked as a proofreader at the LaGrange Standard and retired from A-1 Production of Kendallville in 1979.

She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School, and she was a member of the United Methodist Women, the Friendship Club and was a 4-H leader.

On Jan. 6, 1917, she was born in St. Joe County, Mich., to Homer Leroy and Minnie (Smittendorf) Slentz. She married Leland M. Wolheter on Feb. 27, 1935, in South Milford. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Gorman, Ralston, Neb.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Bonita Wolheter, and R.D. and Julia Wolheter, all of Wolcottville; seven grandchildren and their spouses, John and Kim Wolheter, Wolcottville, Rev. James and Jenny Wolheter, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, South America, Rev. Jeff and Andrea Wolheter, Kendallville, April and Jose Aguinaga, Glendale, Ariz., Will Gorman III and Bernadette Gorman, Omaha, Neb., Kara and Matt Dunker, Goshen, and Neal and Lydia Wolheter, Wolcottville; 13 great-grandchildren, Michael, Kevin, Dustin, Coy, Cy, Cade, Wesley, Ethan, Elizabeth and Reese Wolheter, and Liam, Libby and Finnegan Gorman; and a sister, Dorothy Traster, Kendallville.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Elsie Baker Singleton.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the South Milford United Methodist Church, South Milford, with Pastor Barbara Cross officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Baker, Mike Baker, John Traster and David Traster. Active pallbearers will be John Wolheter, James Wolheter, Jeff Wolheter, April Aguinaga, Wil Gorman, Neal Wolheter, Kara Dunker and Matt Dunker.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the South Milford United Methodist Church or Gideon's International.

View a video tribute or send condolences online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Esther Keller

FORT WAYNE — Esther Delight Keller, 91, of Pine Island, Fla., died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at St. Anne's Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 17, 1917, to Howard and Edith (Loins) Holmes in Auburn.

She married Ralph Keller on June 20, 1937. He preceded her in death.

The Kellers moved to Pine Island in 1972, where Mrs. Keller lived until 2005. She then moved back to Fort Wayne due to health issues and to be closer to her family.

Mrs. Keller was a member of the Baptist church in St. James City, Fla. She loved to dance and play bingo. She was a member of several clubs in St. James City.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin Keller of Auburn and Ken and Sherry Keller of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and their spouses, Shae and Jenn Keller of Charleston, S.C., Staci and Don Galligher of Fort Wayne and Kristi and Christopher Stull of Auburn; a great-granddaughter, Kendon Galligher; and a great-grandson, Mikel Stull.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Wilma Dove and Margaret Esselburn, and a grandson, Brian Keller.

Graveside services will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, on Saturday, Jan. 17, at noon, with Pastor David Snodderly officiating. Following at 12:30 p.m. will be a fellowship luncheon at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God church in Auburn. It is open to all family and friends.

Donations may be given to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711, or Soul's Harbor Assembly of God, 3810 C.R. 40A, Auburn IN 46706.

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Lee Stackhouse

FORT WAYNE — Lee Wayne Stackhouse, 68, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Barton Lake, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stackhouse

On June 29, 1940, in Angola, he was born to John and Lois (Buechat) Stackhouse. He married Delores "Dorie" Evelyn Weibel on Nov. 5, 1965, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Fort Wayne.

He was a retired electrician with Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation at the Lawton Park offices.

Mr. Stackhouse graduated from Salem Center High School and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the 40&8, the Angola V.F.W. post, Orland American Legion Post 423 and current post Adjutant, and a member of the post military color guard.

He was also a member of the Orland American Legion Riders, and served the post in many other capacities including post liaison for Boy Scout Troop 423, and committee member of Americanism & Government. He was a lifetime member of the St. Joe Valley Conservation Club, and enjoyed hunting, fishing and sporting clay, trap and skeet shooting.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Carrie Shurtz, Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim Stackhouse, Fort Wayne, and Lee Allen and Chris Stackhouse of Florida; three grandchildren, Sonja and Ben Laisure, Madison Shurtz and Zachery Stackhouse; and one great-grandson, Aurie Laisure.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Chaplain Mike Collins officiating. Military Committal Services will be conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post 423. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Twana McPherson

KENDALLVILLE — Twana S. McPherson, 55, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Lucile Haley

ANGOLA — Lucile E. Haley, 96, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Wayne Strong

KENDALLVILLE — Wayne M. Strong, 78, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

There will be no services or calling at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Lois Johnson

BUTLER — Lois M. Johnson, 80, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb County Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Johnson

She was born on Aug. 9, 1928, in Franklin Township to Harold L. and Alice G. (Ridge) Newcomer.

A graduate of Hamilton High School, Lois worked at Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., Universal Tool and Stamping, and for 50 years she served the community with her husband Reynold Johnson, managing H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home.

Lois married J. Reynold Johnson on Aug. 20, 1952, in Butler. He preceded her in death on June 18, 2003.

Lois was an avid gardener, enjoyed cooking and spending time with family.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Renee and Dave Harpster of Auburn and Lisa Johnson of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Jon and Mary Ann Johnson of Angola and Eric and Deborah Johnson of Butler; three grandsons, Chad Harpster of Leo, and Jared and Zachary Johnson of Butler; two special grandchildren, Riley and Makailah Thompson of Angola; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara Taylor of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Shirley and Dave Hamilton of Belton, Mo.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Karen Newcomer of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law James Taylor.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Eastside Volleyball Program or Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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2 boys die in mishap

BY BOB BRALEY
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LIGONIER — Two brothers were found dead in a basement in rural Ligonier late Monday, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Michael Herschberger, 14, and Lyle Herschberger, 12, were pronounced dead in their home in the 5000 block of C.R. 1000N, about four miles northeast of Ligonier in Noble County.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said a cause of death in the case is preliminary pending an autopsy.

The victims' parents, who are Amish, had left to travel to town to get some groceries at 5:45 p.m. and told the boys to fill the water tank for the horses in a nearby barn using a gasoline-engine-driven pump in the basement of the house, deputies said.

It is believed a faulty exhaust vent for the gasoline engine leaked carbon monoxide into the basement,

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where both boys were overcome sometime after the parents left, deputies said.

Noble County deputy coroner Joan Cripe said the time of death was fixed at 9:30 p.m.

Police were called to the scene at about that time by a neighbor, who said the boys' father, David Herschberger, had returned home to find them unconscious in the basement of their home, deputies said. The boys were found near the bottom of the basement stairs.

The Noble County Sheriff's Department and coroner's office were assisted by the Ligonier Fire Department.

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Ride turned tragic for cautious snowmobilers

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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ROME CITY — Rodney H. Owens was typically a cautious man, according to his snowmobiling friend Mike Edwards of Rome City.

"He's always been a cautious person. That's why I was surprised and shocked when I heard what happened," Edwards said Monday about a snowmobiling accident Sunday night that claimed the lives of Owens and another snowmobiler.

Owens, 40, of Wolcottville, and Chance J. Speck, 23, of Rome City, died Monday morning at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne of anoxia due to drowning after their snowmobiles plunged into open water on the lake Sunday night.

Edwards was also snowmobiling Sunday night with his brother, but they were on the Limberlost golf course, not on Sylvan Lake.

Owens, Speck, Drew Williams, 20, of Rome City and Dusti Williams, 22, of Albion set out at about 7:50 p.m. Sunday on four snowmobiles from the north shore of Sylvan Lake's main basin in the 3300 block of Spring Beach Road, according to Indiana Conservation public information officer Rodney Clear. They were traveling in a single line on the icy lake.

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Their ride suddenly turned tragic.

About 500 feet from shore the first two snowmobiles, operated by Owens and Speck, broke through the ice and plunged into about 18 to 20 feet of open water. The third snowmobile, driven by Drew Williams, broke through the ice but Williams managed to crawl out of the water and back onto the ice, according to Indiana Conservation officer Darren Reed, who assisted at the rescue scene and is investigating the incident. The fourth and last rider in the line, Dusti Williams, stoppped his snowmobile before it entered the open water or broke through the ice.

The two Williamses returned to shore on the one snowmobile and called for help. They were not injured.

Witnesses told investigators the snowmobilers probably didn't see the open water.

Orange Township firefighters were first on the scene, according to Orange Township public information officer Jim Abbs. They were joined by firefighters and rescuers from Johnson Township, Kendallville and Ligonier, Noble and LaGrange County EMS, the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Rome City police and Indiana State Police.

Owens and Speck were pulled to shore at approximately 9 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. respectively.

Rescuers took more than an hour to reach the victims because of the thin ice and distance from shore.

"Your boots squished on the ice when you stepped from the shore," said Reed. The ice was too thin to walk on. He estimated the ice was 1 1/2 to 2 inches thick where the snowmobiles broke through, and the water temperature was about 32 degrees.

Rescuers in special all-weather protective suits called Gumbies were attached to lines and crawled their way out to the victims. They pushed a special inflatable ice rescue boat called a "banana boat" attached to lines from shore. About 100 feet from the victims the ice kept giving way, according to Orange Township Fire Chief Jim Ebert who was at the scene.

Several rescuers fell through the ice. "They kept breaking through the ice, which slowed the process down considerably," said Reed.

"The all-weather suits protected them. Those suits are really the most important gear for such a rescue," said JAbbs. No firefighters were injured, according to Ebert.

The victims were brought to shore unconscious and rushed to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne in critical condition. They died Monday morning.

Indiana Conservation officers will wait until the ice is thick to remove the snowmobiles using an inflatable harness to bring them to the surface. "Ice can thicken for different areas of a lake. That's why you should check the thickness of your route for safety," said Clear. "This is a lesson to others to respect the ice."

Alcohol was not a factor in the Sunday night incident, according to Reed.

Rome City Town Council members Monday night expressed sympathy for the Owens and Speck families. "It's a sad day for this community," said board president Dave Abbott.

Edwards said snowmobilers who ride on Sylvan Lake know about the dangers of thin ice on the spring-fed lake, especially in the main basin. "The conservation officers through the lake association warn about the possibility of thin ice," he said. That's why he's surprised about what happened to his friend.

"It's sad that this happened," he said.

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Brandon Shook

BUTLER — Brandon Shook, 19, died Saturday in an automobile wreck near Angola.

Mr. Shook was a 2008 graduate of Eastside High School. He worked for Maintenance on Wheels and was a member of the Butler Fire Department.

Mr. Shook

He attended church at the Ashley Church of God.

He was born on June 18, 1989, in Connersville to Jon and Denise (Haynes) Shook. They survive.

Also surviving are two brothers, Devin and Jon Michael Shook of Butler; his grandparents, Ron and Judy Shook of Garrett and Rick and Pauletta Black of Clarkton, Mo; a special friend, Miranda Shelton of Salem Center; uncles and aunts, Todd and Emily Boicourt of Centerville, Ind., and Ron and Margie Shook of Economy, Ind., Tom and Susie Shook of Hagerstown, Ind., Marc Shook of Garrett and Patricia Hurley of Richmond; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, David Haynes, and an uncle, John Haynes.

Memorial services for Brandon Shook will Friday, January 16, 2009, at the Butler Church of Christ beginning at 2 p.m. with Pastor Robert Neace officiating.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Shari Lodder

FREMONT — Shari Lodder, 45, of Fremont died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Frances Vollom

GOSHEN — Frances (Krider) Vollom, 88, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Greencroft Health Care Center in Goshen.

No services are planned.

Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Smart

KENDALLVILLE — A local memorial service for Ronald Smart of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Pastor Sam Weimer will officiate at the service.

Funeral services for Mr. Smart were held today in Sebring.

Dorothy Clark

WALLINGFORD, Conn. — Dorothy H. Clark, 85, of Wallingford and formerly of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, at Hartford Hospital, Conn.

Services were on Dec. 24, 2008.

Bruce Custer

GARRETT — Bruce W. Custer, 61, of Garrett died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Rosemary Gerig

AUBURN — Rosemary S. (Sheets) Gerig, 75, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at Wabash County Hospital in Wabash.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Dayspring Community Church, 1700 E. 7th St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Memorials are to Shelter Ministries.

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Mary Birch

LIGONIER — Mary Joanne Birch, 81, of Ligonier passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Birch

Mrs. Birch was born on July 13, 1927, to Kenneth and Henrietta (Walton) Gorsuch. On November 17, 1950, she married Dale Birch. He passed away on November 22, 1979.

Mrs. Birch worked for Monsanto in Ligonier as a finisher for 30 years.

She was a member of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Deborah Callahan of Ligonier and Vicki and Rich Leming of Goshen; four grandchildren, Mandy Callahan of Kendallville, Jamie Callahan of Fort Wayne, Kris Leming of Goshen and Aaron Leming of Goshen; three great-grandchildren, Jaden, Amaya and Cheyene; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Gene Gorsuch of Indianapolis and Dave and Lora Lee Gorsuch of Albion; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Bertha and Dave Zawadzke of Wolocottville and Lou Mc Clanahan of Florissant, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a sister-in-law, Sally Gorsuch.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 16, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home. The Rev. John Lutton will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to donor's choice.

Michael Herschberger
Lyle Herschberger

LIGONIER — Michael L. Herschberger, 14, and his brother Lyle E. Herschberger, 12, both of Ligonier, died unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at their residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at wwwyeagerfuneralhome.com.

Rodney Owens

WOLCOTTVILLE — Rodney Owens, 40, of Wolcottville died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of a snowmobile accident on Sylvan Lake at Rome City on Sunday, Jan. 11.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Barbara Park

FORT WAYNE — Barbara A. Park, 62, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Park

She was a homemaker and a member of Joy Fellowship Church.

She was born Oct. 9, 1946.

She was a loving wife, mother and sister and will be missed.

Leaving behind her husband of 28 years, Jerry Park of Fort Wayne; a son, Terry (Sarah) Park of Fort Wayne; stepsons, Michael (Angie) Park of Wilshire, Ohio, James Park of Michigan, Robert (Candy) Park of Oregon, Thomas Park of North Carolina and Mickey (Amber) Park of Fort Wayne; brothers, Bill and Mark Amstrong, both of Auburn and Dale Armstrong of Columbia, Ohio; sisters, Carroll Stafford of Ashley and Diana Armstrong of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, two unborn grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Susana Armstrong and Buford Armstrong.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Joy Fellowship Church, 109 Moeller Road, New Haven, with Pastor Matthias Sondennly officiating. A gathering of family will be one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are by the family. Memorials are to the family.

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Chance Speck

ROME CITY — Chance Speck, 23, of Rome City died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, from a snowmobile accident on Sylvan Lake Sunday night.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Ola Fry

TOPEKA — Ola Fry, 99, of Topeka died at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Cletus Yoder residence, 7360 S. S.R. 5, Topeka, with Bishop Willard Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the family residence, 7885 W. C.R. 1200N-57, Topeka.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is assisting with the arrangements.

Twana McPherson

KENDALLVILLE — Twana S.R. McPherson, 55, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the True Church of God in Jesus' Name, Lisbon, with Pastors Sonny Stanley and Willie Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday after 3:30 p.m. at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Lucile Haley

ANGOLA — Lucile E. Haley, 96, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Haley was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and its Victoria Lang Circle. She was a life member of Angola American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary and had served as its president.

She was born Sept. 11. 1912, in Williams County, Ohio, to Elmer T. and Nora (Kunkle) Young. She married Herman "Hap" Haley in August 1939. He died May 18, 1977.

Surviving is a son, Michael E. Haley of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Dessa Young, Gertrude Kuhnhein and Marie Matson; and two brothers, Marion Young and James T. Young.

Services will be at noon Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Tim Terrel officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Richard Brown

HAMILTON — Richard J. Brown, 67, of Hamilton died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., with Jeff Alexander officiating.

Calling will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Velma Ensley Rose

BIG LONG LAKE — Velma Marcelle Ensley Rose, age 76, of Big Long Lake, rural Wolcottville, died on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Ensley Rose was born in Paulding, Ohio, on February 14, 1932, and graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1950.

Mrs. Ensley Rose

She was first married to Albert J. Ensley Sr. on October 7, 1950, at Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and he preceded her death December 20, 1994.

She later married Earl Rose Sr. on February 12, 2000, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and he survives.

Velma was a chiropractic assistant with Danklefsen Chiropractic in Kendallville for 23 years before retiring in 1998.

She was a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church near Hudson where she served on the altar committee, was a Sunday school teacher and was chairman of the Education Board.

As a past member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, Velma served as a Stephen Minister and volunteered with the St. John Lutheran School. She also volunteered her time at Shepherd of the Hill and the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her husband, Earl Rose Sr. of Big Long Lake; three sons, Al Jr. and Sylvia Ensley of Big Long Lake, Greg and Kathy Ensley of Big Long Lake and Scott and Rochelle Ensley of McClish Lake, Hudson; six grandchildren, Christina Perez of Pennsylvania, Jill Brown of Fort Wayne, Al Ensley III of Indianapolis, Greg Ensley Jr. of Fort Wayne, Karen Nickelson of Fort Wayne and Chadwick Ensley of Bradenton, Fla.; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Wood of Layton, Utah.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Wood, and two sisters, Lois Ensley and Doris Didion.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 16, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hudson.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Steve Ensley and the Rev. James Elsner.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Prince of Peace Children's Ministry or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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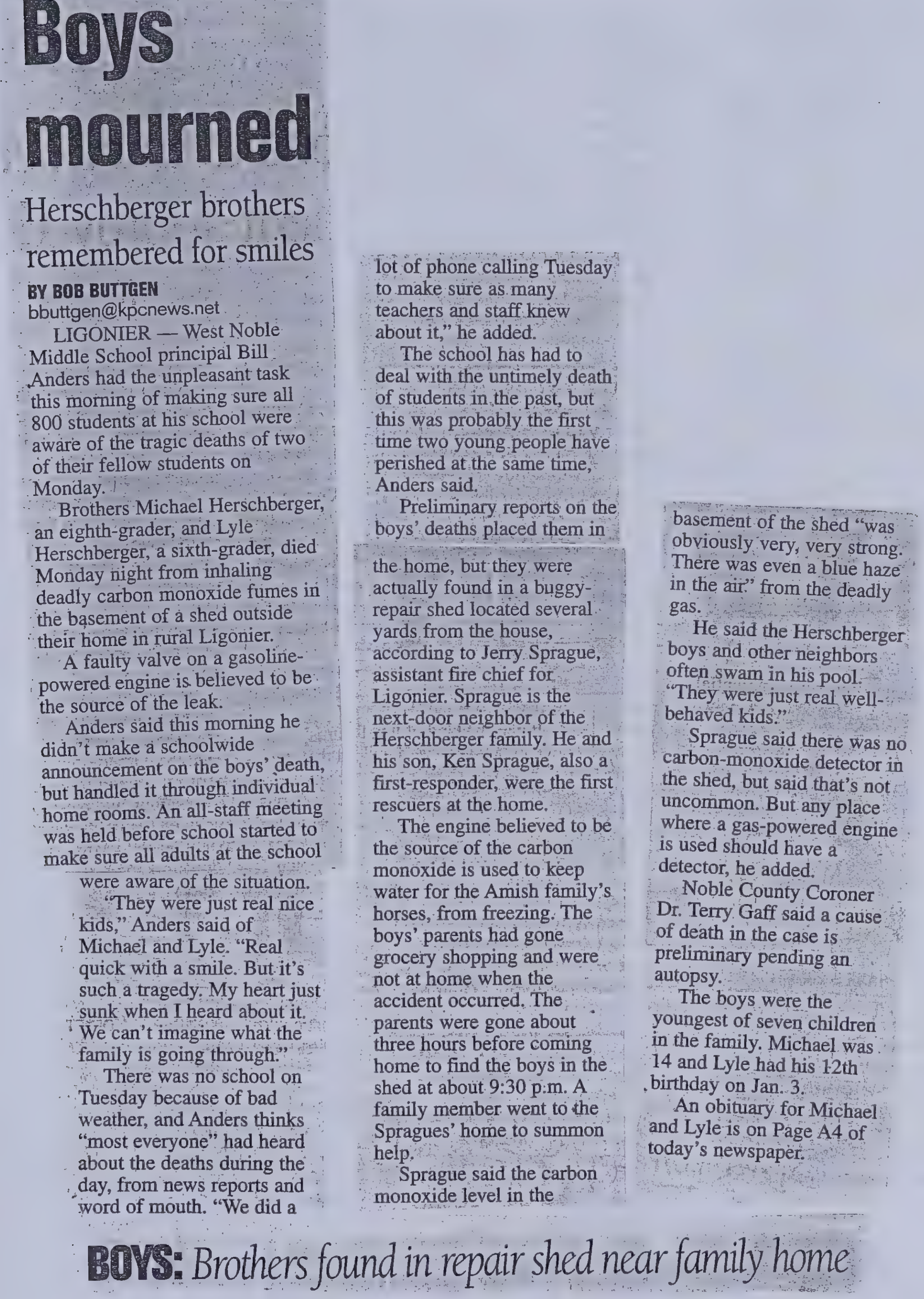

Boys mourned

Herschberger brothers remembered for smiles

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — West Noble Middle School principal Bill Anders had the unpleasant task this morning of making sure all 800 students at his school were aware of the tragic deaths of two of their fellow students on Monday.

Brothers Michael Herschberger, an eighth-grader, and Lyle Herschberger, a sixth-grader, died Monday night from inhaling deadly carbon monoxide fumes in the basement of a shed outside their home in rural Ligonier.

A faulty valve on a gasoline-powered engine is believed to be the source of the leak.

Anders said this morning he didn't make a schoolwide announcement on the boys' death, but handled it through individual home rooms. An all-staff meeting was held before school started to make sure all adults at the school were aware of the situation.

"They were just real nice kids," Anders said of Michael and Lyle. "Real quick with a smile. But it's such a tragedy. My heart just sunk when I heard about it. We can't imagine what the family is going through."

There was no school on Tuesday because of bad weather, and Anders thinks "most everyone" had heard about the deaths during the day, from news reports and word of mouth. "We did a lot of phone calling Tuesday to make sure as many teachers and staff knew about it," he added.

The school has had to deal with the untimely death of students in the past, but this was probably the first time two young people have perished at the same time, Anders said.

Preliminary reports on the boys' deaths placed them in the home, but they were actually found in a buggy-repair shed located several yards from the house, according to Jerry Sprague, assistant fire chief for Ligonier. Sprague is the next-door neighbor of the Herschberger family. He and his son, Ken Sprague, also a first-responder, were the first rescuers at the home.

The engine believed to be the source of the carbon monoxide is used to keep water for the Amish family's horses from freezing. The boys' parents had gone grocery shopping and were not at home when the accident occurred. The parents were gone about three hours before coming home to find the boys in the shed at about 9:30 p.m. A family member went to the Spragues' home to summon help.

Sprague said the carbon monoxide level in the basement of the shed "was obviously very, very strong. There was even a blue haze in the air" from the deadly gas.

He said the Herschberger boys and other neighbors often swam in his pool. "They were just real well-behaved kids."

Sprague said there was no carbon-monoxide detector in the shed, but said that's not uncommon. But any place where a gas-powered engine is used should have a detector, he added.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said a cause of death in the case is preliminary pending an autopsy.

The boys were the youngest of seven children in the family. Michael was 14 and Lyle had his 12th birthday on Jan. 3.

An obituary for Michael and Lyle is on Page A4 of today's newspaper.

BOYS: *Brothers found in repair shed near family home*

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Ice rescue equipment

Rome City department considering funding options

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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ROME CITY — The Orange Township Fire Department will consider purchasing ice rescue equipment, including an ice rescue boat or hovercraft, after two snowmobilers died after going through the ice on Sylvan Lake late Sunday night.

Recently appointed Orange Township Fire Chief Jim Ebert said Tuesday the fire department is looking at all options for ice rescue equipment. "Funding is the question," he said.

Last year the fire department considered the purchase of an ice rescue boat but tabled the proposal due to lack of funding.

Orange Township Trustee George Wolfe and the township advisory board approves the fire department's budget. State-imposed budget constraints and the uncertainty of the new property tax caps on municipal and township budgets affects funding for township fire departments.

"We would have to also rely on fundraisers, donations and grants to pay for ice rescue equipment," he said.

The advisory board is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the township trustee's Front Street office in Rome City.

Orange Township firefighters have planned an ice rescue training on Sunday, according to Ebert.

Rodney A. Owens, 40, of Wolcottville, and Chance Speck, 23, of Rome City, died Monday morning at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after their snowmobiles plunged into Sylvan Lake's icy water Sunday night. Orange Township firefighters were among several area fire rescuers who attempted to get to the victims across thin ice about 500 feet from the north shoreline of the lake's main basin.

Rome City Town Council members Monday night questioned why the fire department does not have an ice rescue boat.

"With one of the largest lakes (Sylvan Lake) in the state, why doesn't the fire department have ice rescue equipment like an ice rescue boat," council member Ben Castle asked at the council meeting. Orange Township funds the fire department based in Rome City.

Ebert said Orange Township firefighters trained in ice rescue and wearing protective, all-weather suits called "Gumbies" attempted to crawl to the victims but fell through the ice that conservation officer Darren Reed estimated was 1 1/2 to 2 inches thick.

Kendallville and Ligonier fire departments were contacted to bring their special inflatable ice rescue boats called "banana boats."

Witnesses questioned why Orange Township firefighters first at the scene didn't use a flat-bottom john boat that was available.

Ebert said he did not initially have the manpower to push the boat to the victims. "My people were falling through the ice. They would have to walk alongside the boat (pulling it) to get it there." An inflatable ice rescue boat is not only lighter in weight but has a sloping end and removable side doors so rescuers can more easily bring a victim into the boat.

The boat could then be pulled by rope back to shore.

Firefighters trained in ice rescue wearing protective clothing would not allow unprotected and untrained civilians to attempt the rescue, according to Ebert. "We could end up with more people to rescue," he said.

The fire department will consider a hovercraft for year-around lake rescue operations as opposed to an ice rescue boat.

Steuben County has an air boat operated by the Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team, a consortium of firefighters and conservation officers who are also divers. In 2003 the Indianapolis-based Chrystal DeHaan Foundation paid for the $45,000 air boat that's like the air boats used in the Everglades.

Seven years ago the Kendallville Fire Department held its first ice rescue training at Bixler Lake with firefighters from throughout northeast Indiana. An ice rescue specialist from Wisconsin conducted the training using a 15-foot Fortuna inflatable boat that cost $3,000. The 50-pound boar inflated in 40 seconds.

The fire department purchased a "banana" ice rescue boat about five years ago for $12,000.

RESCUE: *Funding for new gear is sticking point*

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Jose Alfaro

EDGERTON, Ohio — Jose G. Alfaro, 49, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 1:18 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.krillfuneralservice.com

Chad Showen

KENDALLVILLE — Chad Edward Showen, 36, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, in Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Military services will be provided by VFW Post 2749, Kendallville.

Burial will be in New Albany National Cemetery in New Albany.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Cletus Yoder

GOSHEN — Cletus J. "Clete" Yoder, 59, of Goshen died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Silverwood Mennonite Church, 1712 W. Clinton St., Goshen.

Family and friends may gather at 9 a.m. Friday at the church for a procession to Violett Cemetery at Goshen for a graveside service.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to LaCasa of Goshen.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Charles Opliger

LAOTTO — Charles M. "Chaz" Opliger, 83, of LaOtto died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at his home.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, 333 N. Oak St., Columbia City, IN 46725.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Elaine Bolanowski

ELGIN, Ill. — Elaine K. Bolanowski, 61, of Elgin, Ill., died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, Albion, with the Rev. Brett Frymier officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Mae McDannold

FORT WAYNE — Mae J. (Hathaway) McDannold, 66, of Fort Wayne died at 11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at her residence.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Gordon Samra officiating.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be online to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Albert Rhea

KENDALLVILLE — Albert L. Rhea, 69, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at North Ridge Village, Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Phyllis Maxwell

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis Maxwell, 69, of Pretty Lake and Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Robert Rink

AUBURN — Robert E. "Bob" Rink, 85, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Rink had been a purchasing agent with Dana Corp. for more than 35 years, retiring from there in 1982.

Mr. Rink

He was a 1941 graduate of Auburn High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946 during World War II as a sergeant with the Army's railroad.

Mr. Rink was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

He was born Sept. 10, 1923, in Garrett. He married Josephine Ramsey on Jan. 18, 1942, in Auburn. She died in December 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Zern of St. Joseph, Mich., Thelma and Larry Huss of Palmetto, Fla., and Candice and Daniel Kruse of San Antonio, Texas; a sister-in-law, Dolores Chorpenning of Albion; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Marion Rink; a half sister, Pat Springman; and two half brothers, Earl Chorpenning and Dick Chorpenning.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society and the Diabetes Association.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Brown

HAMILTON — Richard J. Brown, 67, of Hamilton died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He worked for Consolidated Freightways in Fremont for more than 20 years, retiring in 2000. He also worked in the concrete business for most of his life.

He was born March 27, 1941, in Fort Wayne to D. Jay and Mildred (Moore) Brown. He married Doris Miller in Leo on July 7, 1967. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Richard J. Brown Jr. and his wife, Dawn, of Hamilton; one daughter, Debbie J. Brown of Hamilton; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Joan Oberkiser.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 1:30–4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Promised Land.

Esther Keller

FORT WAYNE — Esther Delight Keller, 91, of Pine Island, Fla., died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at St. Anne's Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 17, 1917, to Howard and Edith (Leins) Holman in Auburn.

She married Ralph Keller on June 20, 1937. He preceded her in death after 54 years of marriage.

The Kellers moved to Pine Island in 1972, where Mrs. Keller lived until 2005. She then moved back to Fort Wayne due to health issues and to be closer to her family.

Mrs. Keller was a member of the Baptist church in St. James City, Fla. She loved to dance and play bingo. She was a member of several clubs in St. James City.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin Keller of Auburn and Ken and Sherry Keller of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and their spouses, Shae and Jenn Keller of Charleston, S.C., Staci and Don Galligher of Fort Wayne and Kristi and Christopher Stull of Auburn; a great-granddaughter, Kendon Galligher; and a great-grandson, Mikel Stull.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Wilma Dove and Margaret Esselburn; and a grandson, Brian Keller.

Graveside services will be Saturday, Jan. 17, at noon in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with Pastor David Snodderly officiating. Following at 12:30 p.m. will be a fellowship luncheon at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God church in Auburn. It is open to all family and friends.

Donations may be given to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711 or Soul's Harbor Assembly of God, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn IN 46706.

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Rodney Owens

WOLCOTTVILLE — Rodney Alden Owens, 40, of Wolcottville died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Owens had worked at Double Tree RV in Howe for four years.

Mr. Owens

He was a member of Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City.

Mr. Owens coached Little League baseball in Rome City.

He was born Sept. 16, 1968, in LaGrange to Alden and Reva (Boggs) Owens. He was married June 6, 1992, in Rome City to Melinda Herendeen. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Maecee Owens, at home; two sons, Rodney Owens Jr. and Tyler Owens, both at home; his parents, Alden and Reva Owens of Wolcottville; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Alda and David Nissen of Wolcottville, Rita Hunter of Kendallville, Teresa and Troy Sams of LaGrange, and Terri and Kevin Leedy of Wolcottville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Anthony Owens and his companion, Myra Conley, of LaGrange and Ray and Norma Cochran of Auburn; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Steve and Marge Herendeen of Rome City.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Bethel Christian Baptist Church, 2838 E. U.S. 6, Kendallville, with Pastor Billy Smith and Pastor Lemuel Dees officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Paul Miller, Dave Nissen Kenny Barden, Mike Edwards, Matt Herendeen and Terry Wertz.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 700 Kelly St., Rome City.

Memorials are to the family. An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank in Melinda Owens' name. Donations will be accepted at area banks.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ola Fry

TOPEKA — Ola Fry, 99, of Topeka died at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Fry had moved to Topeka in 1943 from Haven, Kan.

She was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born June 9, 1909, in Haven, Kan., to Jacob T. and Sarah (Miller) Bontrager. She married Daivd D. Fry on Sept. 20, 1928. He died in 1991.

Surviving are eight sons, Glen and Anna Fry, Vern and Wilma Fry, Paul and Elsie Fry and Jacob and Susie Fry, all of Topeka, Harvey and Mary Fry and David and Mattie Fry, all of Ligonier, Ira and Alma Fry of Middlebury and Danny Fry of Kentucky; three daughters, Ada and Alvin Lambright and Ida and Jonas Miller, all of Topeka, and Iva and Alton Yoder of Goshen; 61 grandchildren; 264 great-grandchildren; 76 great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ira Bontrager of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law; four sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Cletus Yoder residence, 7360 S. S.R. 5, Topeka, with Bishop Willard Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka. Pallbearers will be Jr. Gingerich, Herman Mast, Olen Fry, Mahlon Yoder, Orvan Fry and Marlin Fry.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family residence, 7785 W. C.R. 1200N-57, Topeka.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Alfred Rimmel

LAGRANGE — Alfred I. Rimmel, 82, of LaGrange died Monday, January 12, 2009, in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where he had resided since 1982.

Mr. Rimmel

Mr. Rimmel had formerly lived in Fort Wayne, coming from Kendallville. He was a music instructor, and served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and the U.S. Army.

He was born September 2, 1926, in Brimfield to Howard and Ethel Rimmel.

Surviving are a daughter, Adlen Graff of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Chris Rimmel of Fort Wayne, David Ott of Venice Beach, Florida, and Doug Ott of Kendallville; and two great-grandchildren, Cody Coyer and Paige Rimmel.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Marion Rimmel; and a sister, Phyllis Ransbottom.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 16, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday, January 16, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Shari Lodder

FREMONT — Shari Lin Lodder, 45, of Fremont died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lodder was a demonstrator for Demos Express of South Bend and Alexandria's of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Lodder

She was a graduate of Angola High School and a member of the Fremont congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was born Feb. 16, 1963, in Angola to Vernice and Suzanne (Wise) Sawvel. They survive in Angola.

She married James M. Lodder on Aug. 12, 1996. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are three brothers and a sister-in-law, Scott and Tammy Sawvel of Kinderhook Township, Mich., and Shawn and Shane Sawvel, both of Angola; and a nephew.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Elder Richard Sturtz officiating. Burial will be in Covenanter Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Rosemary Gerig

AUBURN — Rosemary S. (Sheets) Gerig, 75, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at Wabash County Hospital in Wabash.

Mrs. Gerig had been a teacher at McKinney Harrison School for 29 years, retiring in 1998.

She was the former organist at and member of Dayspring Community Church, the Retired Teachers Association, Ladies Bible Study, Delta Kappa Gamma, Kenwig's Liter Club and the Writers Group.

She had served on the board of directors of the former Creative Play School and the Shelter Ministries.

Mrs. Gerig was a 1951 graduate of Avilla High School and 1955 graduate of Ball State University. She received a master's degree in 1971 from St. Francis College.

She was born in Garrett.

Surviving are a son, Roger L. Gerig of Waterloo and a daughter, Rhoda Gerig of Wabash.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ardon B. Gerig in 1995, and three brothers, Donald, Warren and Dwight Sheets.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Dayspring Community Church, 1700 E. 7th St., Auburn, with the Rev. William Lyne officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Shelter Ministries.

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Chance Speck

ROME CITY — Chance Jerred Speck, age 23, of Rome City, died on Monday, January 12, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a snowmobile accident on Sylvan Lake.

Mr. Speck

He was born in Kendallville on September 9, 1985, to Frank D. Speck and Sharrita (Miller) Carpenter.

Chance was working on his General Education Diploma and was recently approved for a grant to begin obtaining his CDL license. He was working for Jake's Landscaping of Rome City.

Chance loved spending time with his two boys, hunting, fishing and farming. He enjoyed snowmobiling, four wheeling and motorcross sports.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Sharrita and Mitch Carpenter of Westler Lake near Wolcottville; his father, Frank D. Speck of South Carolina; two sons, Logan and Lance Speck of Kendallville; the mother of his children, April Blankenship of Kendallville; three brothers, Chase and Sara Paduano of Rome City, Chanden Lawson of Wolcottville and Dalton Speck of Ohio; his grandmothers, Treva Miller of Rome City and Dorothy Speck of Findlay, Ohio; his grandparents, Jim and Faith Carpenter of Sturgis, Michigan; aunts, Susan L. Miller of Rome City and Sally and Jim Baugues of Lafayette, Indiana; and cousins, Nathan and Ashley Baugues of Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Glenn Miller Jr. on October 24, 2006, and Frank Speck.

Visitation will be Friday, January 16, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Brad Garrett.

Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to LaGrange County 4-H ATV Club or 4-H Shooting Sports.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Twana McPherson

KENDALLVILLE — Twana S.R. McPherson, 55, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at her residence following an extended illness

Mrs. McPherson

Mrs. McPherson was a lifetime area resident.

She was a homemaker.

She was born March 16, 1953, in Kendallville to Richard and Aften Esther (Dunkel) Rupert.

Surviving are two daughters, Twana Maurer of Waterloo and Amanda McPherson of Monroeville; a son, Larry Hall of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; a sister, Wanda Hall of Kendallville; and two brothers, Leroy Rupert and Steve Rupert, both of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Wayne McPherson.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the True Church of God in Jesus' Name at Lisbon with Pastor Sonny Stanley and Pastor Willie Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be after 3:30 p.m. today at the church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Michael Herschberger
Lyle Herschberger

LIGONIER — Michael Lynn Herschberger, 14, and Lyle Eugene Herschberger, 12, both of Ligonier, died unexpectedly together at the family home on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009. They were the sons of David B. and Arlene W. (Bontrager) Herschberger.

They were members of the Old Order Amish Church and were lifetime Ligonier residents.

Michael was an eighth-grader at West Noble Middle School and Lyle was a sixth-grader at West Noble Middle School.

Michael was born June 11, 1994.

Lyle was born Jan. 3, 1997.

Surviving with their parents are three brothers, Myron and Martha Herschberger of Ligonier, Leon and Loretta Herschberger of Shipshewana and Lavon Herschberger of Ligonier and his special friend, Jolene Bontrager, of Shipshewana; two sisters, Marla and Jason Knepp of Ligonier and Joanne Herschberger of Ligonier and her special friend, Luke Troyer of Nappanee; his grandparents, William and Lettie Bontrager of LaGrange and Lizzie Herschberger of Topeka; and their nieces and nephews, Emily, Waylon, Joel and Kevin Herschberger and Benjamin Knepp.

Also surviving are many aunts, uncles and cousins and countless friends.

They were preceded in death by a grandfather, Ben Herschberger.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the family residence, 5009 W. C.R. 1000N, Ligonier, with Bishop David Miller and Home Ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Clear Springs Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family home.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Two die after snowmobiles sink through ice

by Mark Hunter

Two men died after the snowmobiles they were on broke through thin ice on Sylvan Lake Sunday night, according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Dead are Chance J. Speck, 23 of Rome City and Rodney H. Owens, 40, of Wolcottville. The cause of death was anoxia due to drowning.

The incident happened near Spring Beach Road, on the north side of the lake near SR 9, at about 7:49 p.m. Four snowmobilers were reportedly on the lake when at least two went through the ice, which officials say was only about an inch thick in that area. One snowmobiler was able to get out of the water, and was taken to shore by the fourth rider, but the other two men were not able to climb out and were left clinging to the edge of the ice.

Fire units from the Orange Township, Johnson Township, Kendallville, and Ligonier Fire Departments, bringing specialized ice rescue and diving equipment, hurried to the scene along with units of several other emergency services.

The ice was so thin that rescuers were unable to use it as a platform to work from. Some of them also ended up in the water, and were briefly unable to get out until more manpower and equipment arrived. They were able to get one victim out just before 9 p.m., and the second less than ten minutes later.

Because helicopters were unable to fly due to the weather, the men were transported by ambulance to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where efforts went on to warm and resuscitate them. The efforts were ultimately unsuccessful, and the two were pronounced dead at the hospital.

During the incident a Noble County Sheriff's deputy working crowd control was slightly injured by a disraught relative. The relative ended up handcuffed in a police car after a short struggle, but was released later without being charged.

The tragedy remains under investigation by DNR Conservation Officers. The Indiana State Police and Rome City Marshal's Office also assisted.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 14, 2009 Wednesday

Elaine K. Bolanowski, 61

ELGIN, IL - Elaine K. Bolanowski, age 61 passed away in her home in Elgin, IL, after a five year illness.

She was the daughter of the late Robert A. Kester and Ruth (Maxton) Keister. Her mother survives in Albion, IN. She born in Auburn, IN on March 1, 1947

Elaine was a retired flight attendant for United Airlines. She lived in Elgin after moving from Shamburg, IL.

Her husband Richard Bolanowski, whom she married on Feb. 15, 1952 survives in Elgin, IL.

She is survived by: two step-daughters, Jill Yahasz of Phoenix, AZ and Kim Bolanowski of Carpentersville, IL; two grandchildren, Addyson Bolanowski and Aaden Yuhasz; and one sister, Emily (Les) Weber of Ft. Wayne, IN.

Visitation will be Friday, January 16, 2009, 2-4 and 6-8 in the Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 A.M. at the Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel. Rev. Brett Frymier will officate the services.

She will be buried in the South Scott Cemetery in Angola, IN.

Preferred memorials to the Cancer Society.

Carbon monoxide kills Amish brothers

LIGONIER — Carbon monoxide poisoning caused the death of two young Amish brothers who were found in their home near Ligonier Monday night, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

The 12 and 14 year olds, Lyle E. and Michael L. Herschberger, were pronounced dead at the scene of the tragedy, in the 500 W block of CR 1000N. Their father arrived home to find them unconscious in the basement, and ran to a neighbor's house to get help at about 9:36 p.m.

Police believe the parents had gone to town to get groceries at around 5:45 p.m., and before leaving instructed the boys to fill a water tank for the family's horses. Apparently a faulty exhaust vent for the gasoline powered pump leaked carbon monoxide into the basement, overcoming the boys; they were found near the bottom of the basement stairs.

Rescuers were called out from the Ligonier Fire and Police Departments, Topeka Fire Department, Noble County EMS, Sheriff's Department and State Police, but it was too late. The Noble County Coroner's Office, assisted by police, is continuing an investigation.

Robert C. Wappes, 89

AVILLA - Robert C. Wappes, of Avilla passed away on January 7, 2009 at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

He was a lifetime area resident and lifetime member of the Albion American Legion Post # 242.

Mr. Wappes was born on April 22, 1919 to Tony and Iva (Bonar) Wappes.

Mr. Wappes was employed by International Harvaster for many years and served his country during WW II as a Staff Sergeant.

He is survived by one brother Paul Wappes of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Candace and two brothers Clifford and Junior Wappes.

Graveside Services were held on Friday, January 9, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at the Fairview Cemetery in Huntertown.

The Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 14, 2009 Wednesday

Mary M. Janes, 73

Mary M. Janes, 73, passed away unexpectedly at 2:15 PM Wednesday, January 7, 2009, in Ligonier.

She was born May 13, 1935, to Ray and Leah (Summers) Shell. She was a lifetime area resident.

She graduated from South Bend Memorial School of Nursing in 1956 and went on to serve in the nursing profession for more than 52 years, performing duties spanning from a surgical nurse to a home health care nurse. She also worked for many years as an office nurse for Dr. Hooker and Dr. Waterfall.

She was a 1953 graduate of Ligonier High School and an incredible athlete where she excelled in basketball and softball. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier and was an avid Notre Dame fan.

She married H.T. "Sonny" Janes on January 14, 1967. He preceded her in death February 17, 1995.

Her survivors include six children, David W. (Pamela) Alles, Ligonier, Catherine Alles (Chris) Muesing, Greenwood, Lisa Janes and partner Schlene, Syracuse, Thomas E. (Tammy) Janes, Ligonier, Marcia B. (Glen) Hicks, and Anita B. (Jim) Cassidy, Cromwell; 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Richard Shell.

Services took place at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. The Rev. Wilson Corzo led the service.

Pallbearers were Samuel Muesing, Jace Morgan, Douglas Alles, Tyler Alles, Andrew Janes, Clay Preston, Drew Preston, Scott Hicks and Clay Hicks. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sister of St. Francis of Assisi, the Humane Society of the United States or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mary Joanne Birch, 81

LIGONIER - Mary Joanne Birch, 81, of Ligonier passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Birch was born on July 13, 1927 to Kenneth and Henrietta (Walton) Gorsuch. On November 17, 1950 she married Dale Birch, he passed away on November 22, 1979.

Mrs. Birch worked for Monsanto in Ligonier as a finisher for 30 years. She was also a member of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law; Deborah Callahan of Ligonier and Vicki (Rich) Leming of Goshen; four grandchildren; Mandy Callahan of Kendallville, Jamie Callahan of Fort Wayne, Kris Leming of Goshen and Aaron Leming of Goshen; three great-grandchildren; Jaden, Amaya and Cheyene; two brothers and one sister in law; Gene Gorsuch of Indianapolis and Dave (Lora Lee) Gorsuch of Albion; two sisters and one brother-in-law; Bertha (Dave) Zawadzke of Wolcottville and Lou McClanahan of Florissant, MO.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and one sister-in-law, Sally Gorsuch.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, January 16, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home. The Rev. John Lutton will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 15, 2009 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the.funeral home..

Memorials may be directed to Donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 15, 2009, Thursday

Jose Alfaro

EDGERTON, Ohio — Jose G. Alfaro, 49, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 1:18 p.m. on Monday, January, 12, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was a patient. He had been ill several months.

Mr. Alfaro

Mr. Alfaro had been employed by Campbell Soup, DURA Corporation and, most recently, Air-Way Manufacturing in Edgerton.

He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton.

Jose G. Alfaro was born on June 25, 1959, in Araro, Mexico, the son of Jose G. and Maria Lus (Garcia) Alfaro. He is survived by his father in Mexico; three brothers, Gabriel Alfaro of LaGrange, Indiana, Arturo Alfaro of Santa Cruz, California, and Tarciosio Alfaro of Morilea, Mexico; three sisters, Malena Alfaro of Sacramento, California, and Inez Alfaro and Yolanda Alfaro, both of Morilea, Mexico.

Also surviving is his longtime companion, Susan Hughart, of Edgerton; her children, Jessica (Scott) Sprunger of Butler, Indiana, and Tonya, (Jack) Spencer of Summersville, West Virginia; and her grandchildren, Jordan and Tristan, Sprunger and Benton Spencer.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Eugenio Alfaro.

Services for Jose G. Alfaro will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Edgerton.

Visitation will be held in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, from 4-8 p.m. Friday, with recitation of the rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials in the name of Jose G. Alfaro may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to or the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

Helen Hagen

SYRACUSE — Helen Hagen of Syracuse died today, Jan. 15, 2009, at 12:13 a.m. at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Mae McDannold

GARRETT — Mae J. (Hathaway) McDannold, 66, of Fort Wayne died at 11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. McDannold was a nurses aide and computer operator most of her life.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born June 5, 1942, in Garrett to Elmer P. and Laurine B. (Dowend) Hathaway. She married Roger D. McDannold on Jan. 1, 1979, in Garrett. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are four brothers, Eston Hathaway of Indianapolis, Clifton Hathaway of Fort Wayne, DeWayne "Bud" Hathaway of Garrett and Eugene "George" Hathaway of South Whitley; three sisters, Faith Galligher of Angola and Janet Scheurich and Cindy Myers, both of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard Hathaway; and a sister, LaCleeda Maurer.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Gordon Samra officiating.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Send a condolences or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 15, 2009, Thursday

Albert Rhea

KENDALLVILLE — Albert L. Rhea, 69, of rural Kendallville died on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Rhea was born in rural Kendallville on June 11, 1939, to Rollin and Mildred (Eley) Rhea.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1958 and married Mary L. Wisel on April 28, 1962 in Kendallville. She preceded his death July 18, 2004.

Al was a lifetime farmer. He also was a substitute school bus driver for East Noble School Corporation.

He drove truck for Crop Production in Brimfield and owned Rhea's Sewer Cleaning, Plumbing and Excavating.

For many years, Albert was employed at International Harvester.

He also worked for the City of Kendallville Street Department and was superintendent for a time.

Al enjoyed sitting and talking with people at the coffee shop and traveling.

He was a 42-year member of the Elks Lodge No. 1194 in Kendallville and a past trustee.

He also was a member of the National Elks Foundation.

Survivors include two sons, Allen Rhea of Kendallville and Andrew Rhea of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Trina and Brian Gruszczyk of Mason, Ohio; and two grandsons, Joshua and Zachary Gruszczyk of Mason.

Also preceding his death were his parents and a brother, Raymond Rhea.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Sunday, January 18, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Casketbearers will be Michael Rhea, David Rhea, Phil Wysong, Jay Wysong, Bert Rimmell and Walt Domer Sr. Honorary casketbearer will be Andrew Rhea.

Preferred memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Maxwell

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis Maxwell, 69, of Pretty Lake and Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m Sunday at the funeral home.

Harriet Loucks

ANGOLA — Harriet E. Loucks, 86, of Angola died Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Loucks had been a homemaker.

She was an active member of the Angola Women of the Moose and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 31.

She was born Sept. 1, 1922, in DeKalb County to Seth and Effie (Fisher) Myers.

Surviving are her special friend, George Patterson, of Angola; a brother, Orla Myers of Fremont; a sister, Mildred June Hill of Williamston, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Loucks, on Jan. 10, 1980; five brothers; and a sister.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m Sunday at Pleasant Lake Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Memorials are to the Angola Women of the Moose.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

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Chance Speck

ROME CITY — Chance Jerred Speck, age 23, of Rome City, died on Monday, January 12, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a snowmobile accident on Sylvan Lake.

He was born in Kendallville on September 9, 1985, to Frank D. Speck and Sharrita (Miller) Carpenter.

Mr. Speck

Chance was working on his General Education Diploma and was recently approved for a grant to begin obtaining his CDL license. He was working for Jake's Landscaping of Rome City.

Chance loved spending time with his two boys, hunting, fishing and farming. He enjoyed snowmobiling, four wheeling and motorcross sports.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Sharrita and Mitch Carpenter of Westler Lake near Wolcottville; his father, Frank D. Speck of South Carolina; two sons, Logan and Lance Speck of Kendallville; the mother of his children, April Blankenship of Kendallville; three brothers, Chase and Sara Paduano of Rome City, Chanden Lawson of Wolcottville and Dalton Speck of Ohio; a sister, Nora and her husband Andy Dolsen of Fort Wayne; his grandmothers, Treva Miller of Rome City and Dorothy Speck of Findlay, Ohio; his grandparents, Jim and Faith Carpenter of Sturgis, Michigan; aunts, Susan L. Miller of Rome City and Sally and Jim Baugues of Lafayette, Indiana; family friend, Lori Heckber; and cousins, Nathan and Ashley Baugues of Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Glenn Miller Jr. on October 24, 2006, and Frank Speck.

Visitation will be Friday, January 16, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Brad Garrett.

Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana. Pallbearers will be Jeff Sigel, Jeff Gallup, Nathan Baugues, Derrik Bragg, Randy Moore and James Upton. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Lawson, Dustin Williams, Drew Williams, Nick Garton and Justin Cressey.

Preferred memorials may be made to LaGrange County 4-H ATV Club or 4-H Shooting Sports.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences tc the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 15, 2009, Thursday

Deloruse Young

KENDALLVILLE — Deloruse A. Young, 94, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Young worked at the P.N. Hirsh Co. department store in Kendallville for 20 years.

She was born in Lisbon on Oct. 16, 1914, to William and Hazel (Gillespie) Strouse. She married Otto Edward Young on April 14, 1936. He died Sept. 28, 1958.

Mrs. Young

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Jack Jarrett of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister, BettyShanton of Kendallville; and two daughters-in-law, Judy Young of Hudson and Star Young of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, William Young and Jack Young; a brother and sister-in-law; Russell "Bud" and BettyStrouse; and a sister, Ruby Trowbridge.

Graveside services and burial will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, 1305 Sherman St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Elaine Bolanowski

ALBION — Elaine K. Bolanowski, 61, died at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at her residence in Elgin, Ill. Mrs. Bolanowski had been in declining health for the past five years.

Mrs. Bolanowski was a retired flight attendant instructor for United Airlines.

She was born March 1, 1947, in Auburn to Robert A and Ruth (Maxton) Kester. She married Richard Bolanowski on Feb. 15, 1992. He survives in Elgin.

Also surviving are her mother, Ruth Kester of Albion; two stepdaughters, Jill Yuhasz of Phoenix, Ariz. and Kim Bolanowski of Carpentersville, Ill.; two stepgrandchildren Addyson Bolanowski and Aaden Yuhasz; and a sister and her husband, Emily and Les Weber of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Bret Frymier of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery near Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Send condolences online to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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Tragedy claims two young lives

Ligonier brothers overcome by carbon monoxide fumes

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — West Noble Middle School principal Bill Anders had the unpleasant task Wednesday morning of making sure all 800 students at his school were aware of the tragic deaths of two of their fellow students on Monday.

Brothers Michael Herschberger, an eighth-grader, and Lyle Herschberger, a sixth-grader, died Monday night from inhaling deadly carbon monoxide fumes in the basement of a shed outside their home in rural Ligonier.

A faulty valve on a gasoline-powered engine is believed to be the source of the leak.

Anders said he didn't make a schoolwide announcement on the boys' death yesterday, but handled it through individual home rooms. An all-staff meeting was held before school started to make sure all adults at the school were aware of the situation.

"They were just real nice kids," Anders said of Michael and Lyle. "Real quick with a smile. But it's such a tragedy. My heart just sunk when I heard about it. We can't imagine what the family is going through."

There was no school on Tuesday because of bad weather, and Anders thinks "most everyone" had heard about the deaths during the day, from news reports and word of mouth. "We did a lot of phone calling Tuesday to make sure as many teachers and staff knew about it," he added.

The school has had to deal with the untimely death of students in the past, but this was probably the first time two young people have perished at the same time, Anders said.

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Preliminary reports on the boys' deaths placed them in the home, but they were actually found in a buggy-repair shed located several yards from the house, according to Jerry Sprague, assistant fire chief for Ligonier. Sprague is the next-door neighbor of the Herschberger family. He and his son, Ken Sprague, also a first-responder, were the first rescuers at the home.

The engine believed to be the source of the carbon monoxide is used to keep water, for the Amish family's horses, from freezing. The boys' parents had gone grocery shopping and were not at home when the accident occurred. The parents were gone about three hours before coming home to find the boys in the shed at about 9:30 p.m. A family member went to the Spragues' home to summon help.

Sprague said the carbon monoxide level in the basement of the shed "was obviously very, very strong. There was even a blue haze in the air" from the deadly gas.

He said the Herschberger boys and other neighbors often swam in his pool. "They were just real well-behaved kids."

Sprague said there was no carbon-monoxide detector in the shed, but said that's not uncommon. But any place where a gas-powered engine is used should have a detector, he added.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said a cause of death in the case is preliminary pending an autopsy.

The boys were the youngest of seven children in the family. Michael was 14 and Lyle had his 12th birthday on Jan. 3.

An obituary for Michael and Lyle is on Page 2.

Michael Herschberger
Lyle Herschberger

LIGONIER — Michael Lynn Herschberger, 14, and Lyle Eugene Herschberger, 12, both of Ligonier, died unexpectedly together at the family home on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009. They were the sons of David B. and Arlene W. (Bontrager) Herschberger.

They were members of the Old Order Amish Church and were lifetime Ligonier residents.

Michael was an eighth-grader at West Noble Middle School and Lyle was a sixth-grader at West Noble Middle School.

Michael was born June 11, 1994.

Lyle was born Jan. 3, 1997.

Surviving with their parents are three brothers, Myron and Martha Herschberger of Ligonier, Leon and Loretta Herschberger of Shipshewana and Lavon Herschberger of Ligonier and his special friend, Jolene Bontrager, of Shipshewana; two sisters, Marla and Jason Knepp of Ligonier and Joanne Herschberger of Ligonier and her special friend, Luke Troyer of Nappanee; his grandparents, William and Lettie Bontrager of LaGrange and Lizzie Herschberger of Topeka; and their nieces and nephews, Emily, Waylon, Joel and Kevin Herschberger and Benjamin Knepp.

Also surviving are many aunts, uncles and cousins and countless friends.

They were preceded in death by a grandfather, Ben Herschberger.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the family residence, 5009 W. C.R. 1000N, Ligonier, with Bishop David Miller and Home Ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Clear Springs Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be all day, today, Thursday.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

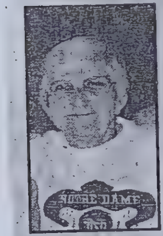
ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 15, 2009, Thursday

Services were held Saturday for Mary Janes

LIGONIER — Funeral services were held this past Saturday for Mary M. Janes, 73, who died unexpectedly at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, in Ligonier.

Mrs. Janes was a lifetime area resident.

She graduated from South Bend Memorial School of Nursing in 1956 and went on to serve in the nursing profession for more than 52 years, performing duties spanning from a surgical nurse to a home health care nurse.


Mary Janes

Mrs. Janes had also worked for several years as an office nurse for Dr. Hooker and Dr. Waterfall.

She was a 1953 graduate of Ligonier High School where she excelled in basketball and softball.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Mrs. Janes was an avid University of Notre Dame fan.

She was born May 13, 1935, to Ray and Leah (Summers) Shell. She married H.T. "Sonny" Janes on Jan. 14, 1967. He died Feb. 17, 1995.

Surviving are six children and their spouses, David W. and Pamela Alles of Ligonier, Chris and Catherine Alles Muesing of Greenwood, Lisa Janes and her partner, Schlene, of Syracuse, Thomas E. and Tammy Janes of Ligonier, Marcia B. and Glen Hicks and Anita B. and Jim Cassidy of Cromwell; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Shell.

Services were Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier with Father Wilson Corzo officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers were Samuel Muesing, Jace Morgan, Douglas Alles, Tyler Alles, Andrew Janes, Clay Preston, Scott Hicks and Clay Hicks.

Calling was Friday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, the Humane Society of the United States or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Mary Birch

LIGONIER — Mary Joanne Birch, 81, of Ligonier passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Birch was born on July 13, 1927, to Kenneth and Henrietta (Walton) Gorsuch. On November 17, 1950, she married Dale Birch. He passed away on November 22, 1979.

Mary Birch

Mrs. Birch worked for Monsanto in Ligonier as a finisher for 30 years.

She was a member of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Deborah Callahan of Ligonier and Vicki and Rich Leming of Goshen; four grandchildren, Mandy Callahan of Kendallville, Jamie Callahan of Fort Wayne, Kris Leming of Goshen and Aaron Leming of Goshen; three great-grandchildren, Jaden, Amaya and Cheyene; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Gene Gorsuch of Indianapolis and Dave and Lora Lee Gorsuch of Albion; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Bertha and Dave Zawadzke of Wolocottville and Lou Mc Clanahan of Florissant, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a sister-in-law, Sally Gorsuch.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 16, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home. The Rev. John Lutton will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to donor's choice.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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January 15, 2009, Thursday

Doris Wolheter

KENDALLVILLE — Doris Pauline Wolheter, 92, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, where she had resided for 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. Wolheter moved to this area at the age of seven from Constantine, Mich. She had worked as a proofreader at the LaGrange Standard and retired from A-1 Production of Kendallville in 1979.

She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School, and she was a member of the United Methodist Women, the Friendship Club and was a 4-H leader.

On Jan. 6, 1917, she was born in St. Joe County, Mich., to Homer Leroy and Minnie (Smittendorf) Slentz. She married Leland M. Wolheter on Feb. 27, 1935, in South Milford. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Gorman, Ralston, Neb.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Bonita Wolheter, and R.D. and Julia Wolheter, all of Wolcottville; seven grandchildren and their spouses, John and Kim Wolheter, Wolcottville, Rev. James and Jenny Wolheter, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, South America, Rev. Jeff and Andrea Wolheter, Kendallville, April and Jose Aguinaga, Glendale, Ariz., Will Gorman III and Bernadette Gorman, Omaha, Neb., Kara and Matt Dunker, Goshen, and Neal and Lydia Wolheter, Wolcottville; 13 great-grandchildren, Michael, Kevin, Dustin, Coy, Cy, Cade, Wesley, Ethan, Elizabeth and Reese Wolheter, and Liam, Libby and Finnegan Gorman; and a sister, Dorothy Traster, Kendallville.

Doris Wolheter

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Elsie Baker Singleton.

Services were Wednesday at the South Milford United Methodist Church, South Milford, with Pastor Barbara Cross officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Baker, Mike Baker, John Traster and David Traster. Active pallbearers were John Wolheter, James Wolheter, Jeff Wolheter, April Aguinaga, Wil Gorman, Neal Wolheter, Kara Dunker and Matt Dunker.

Preferred memorials are to the South Milford United Methodist Church or Gideon's International.

View a video tribute or send condolences online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ola Fry

TOPEKA — Ola Fry, 99, of Topeka died at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Cletus Yoder residence, 7360 S. S.R. 5, Topeka, with Bishop Willard Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka. Pallbearers will be Jr. Gingerich, Herman Mast, Olen Fry, Mahlon Yoder, Orvan Fry and Marlin Fry.

Calling will be all day, today, Thursday, at the family residence, 7785 W. C.R. 1200N-57, Topeka.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Tara Hayes

STOW CREEK TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Tara A. (Simmonds) Hayes, 27, of Stow Creek Twp., died Monday, January 12, 2009.

Born in Point Pleasant, N.J., she was the daughter of Harry A. Simmonds and Carmilla K. "Candy" (Morton) Simmonds. Her father survives in Stow Creek and her mother preceded her in death in February of 2008.

Ms. Hayes

She was a 1999 graduate of Cumberland Regional High School in Upper Deerfield Twp., N.J., and was a student at Cumberland County College where she was studying criminology, sociology and psychology. She expected to receive her associate degree in May.

In addition to being a student, Tara had worked for Hoodocks Custard Stand in Salem, N.J.,for many years and most recently had been working for PSEG in Lower Alloways Creek Twp., N.J., as a fire protection specialist and in the maintenance department.

Tara also enjoyed working for herself as an interior decorator.

Her family was always the center of her life, especially her daughter Shyla. She and her daughter enjoyed many days exercising, dancing and baking together. Tara was a friend to many and will sadly be missed by all those who knew her.

She is also survived by her daughter, Shyla K. Hayes, at home; her daughter's father Bill "Hank" Hayes and his family; two sisters, Heather E.K. Pino and her husband Joseph A. of Winslow Twp., N.J., and Crystal S. Simmonds of Stow Creek Twp.; paternal grandfather, Martin Simmonds of Auburn, Ind.; maternal grandparents, Kay and Howard Morton of Auburn, Ind.; and maternal great-grandfather, Clarence Beck of Ohio; great-aunts and great-uncles, Ellen and Byron Beck and Leila and Lonnie Furrow; an aunt and uncle, Elaine and Larry Warstler; and by a large extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be tonight at 7 p.m. at the Freitag Funeral Home, 137 W. Commerce St. in Bridgeton, N.J.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are to the Shyla K. Hayes College Fund, c/o TD Banknorth, 2700 Route 42, Sicklerville, NJ 08081.

Condolences may be sent online to freitagfuneralhome.com.

Helen Hagen

WAWASEE — Helen B. Hagen, 79, of Anna Maria Island, Fla., formerly of Ligonier, died at 12:13 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at her summer home on Lake Wawasee.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, Ligonier, with Pastor Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the West Noble Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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C. Richard Holmes

ROME CITY — C. Richard Holmes, 76, of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, died Jan. 14, 2009, at 4:21 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Holmes retired as a driver for Roadway Express.

He had moved to Rome City in 2000 from Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Holmes

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Mr. Holmes was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church, the American Legion Post 381 of Rome City, and a life member of the V.F.W. of Alliance, Ohio.

He was born June 13, 1932, to Eva (Greenhorn) and Clyde Holmes. He married Georgia Charleston in 1991 in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law,Terri and Bill Strickland of Akron, Ohio, and Tracy Adams and Susi Russell, both of Fort Wayne; six sons and three daughters-in-law, David Holmes, Tom Holmes, John and Angie Holmes and Russell Holmes, all of Akron, Ohio, Jeff and Vickie Russell of Madison, Wis., and Mitchell and Jennifer Russell of Forsyth, Ga.; 28 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jeanette.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church at Rome City with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Maxwell

PRETTY LAKE — Phyllis Elaine Maxwell, 69, of Pretty Lake, died on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Maxwell was born in Steuben County on January 16, 1939, to Dale F. and Mildred E. (Miller) Smith.

Mrs. Maxwell

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1957 and was married to Edward G. Maxwell on July 20, 1957, in Kendallville. He preceded her death August 12, 2002.

Phyllis was the office manager for Catholic Charities in Fort Wayne. She retired in 1990 after 17 years.

She loved living on Pretty Lake and spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Phyllis loved to paint landscapes and listen to music. She enjoyed playing the accordian and piano.

She attended the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church near Hudson.

In her younger days, she was member of the Modern Mrs. Club and a Home Economics Club in Kendallville

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Skip Rash of Kendallville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joel Maxwell of Fort Wayne, Dan and Karen Maxwell of Kendallville and Matt and Debbie Maxwell of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Jennifer Davis of Fort Wayne, Alex Maxwell of Kendallville, Nicholas Maxwell of Fort Wayne, Madison and Jarod Maxwell of Fort Wayne, Michaelle Chadwell of Indianapolis, Brian Rash of Indianapolis and Michael Tagtmeyer of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren, William Davis, Elizabeth Chadwell and Addison Tagtmeyer; a brother and sister-in-law, Dayton and Janice Smith of Chula Vista, California; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nedra and Larry Witte of Oliver Lake and Carol Pfeiffer of South Milford.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 18, 2009, from 2-6 p.m.at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. James Elsner. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Neil Prentice

ST. JOE — Neil A. Prentice, 86, of St. Joe died at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Prentice was a farmer and had worked for the DeKalb County Highway Department mowing along county roads in the summer months.

Mr. Prentice

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Infantry from 1942-1946.

Mr. Prentice was formerly on the Concord Township Advisory Board. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 29, 1922, in Fairfield Township near Corunna to Marvin A. and Alma A. (Ewell) Prentice. He married Doris E. Rossow on Jan. 15, 1947, in Detroit, Mich. She died Dec. 12, 2004.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Kathleen Prentice of Kendallville, Lowell and Sheryl Prentice of Ashley, Leonard and Janet Prentice of Arab, Ala., and Roger and Jennifer Prentice, St. Joe; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marlene and Gary Carpenter and Carol and David Mansfield, all of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, Wallace Prentice of Kendallville; and a sister, Leona Becker of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ralph Prentice.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

Condolences may be sent online to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Clifford Cox

AUBURN — Clifford Damon Cox, 76, of Auburn, died Thursday, January 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

David Goings Sr.

AUBURN — David E. Goings Sr., 65, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at his home in Auburn.

Services will at 2 p.m. Monday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Craig officiating.

Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery with military graveside services with the American Legion, Auburn.

Calling will be 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Levi Schrock

ARTHUR, Ill. — Levi J. Schrock, 81, of Arthur, Ill., formerly of Middlebury, died at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at his residence in rural Arthur.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Calvary Chapel in Sturgis, Mich. The Rev. Tom Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury. Calling will also be one hour prior to the services at Calvary Chapel, Sturgis, Mich.

Online condolences may be made at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Helen Hagen

LIGONIER — Helen B. Hagen, 79, of Anna Maria Island, Fla., and formerly of Ligonier died unexpectedly at 12:13 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at her summer home on Lake Wawasee.

Mrs. Hagen was given a second chance at life in 1997 when she received a kidney from her sister, Barbara. Helen was proud of her sister's act of kindness and the good health it brought to her.

Mrs. Hagen

She was a dedicated homemaker and had been involved with the family business, Superior Sample, since its inception in 1957.

Mrs. Hagen moved to Ligonier in 1957 and lived there until she and her husband moved to Anna Maria Island in 1994. They spent summers at Lake Wawasee.

She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and had been involved in various civic organizations over the years.

Mrs. Hagen loved to play tennis, golf and bridge. She also enjoyed entertaining guests and was known as a great cook.

She will be remembered for her love for her family, passion for Purdue University and dedication to the community.

She was born April 23, 1929, in Chicago to Wiley and Helen (Polfer) Stone. She married Rex Hagen on May 13, 1951, in Morocco, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Beth and Rich Stage of Big Sky, Mont.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark David and Jeanna Hagen of Cromwell; grandchildren, Cole Douglas Stage, McKenzie Grace Stage, Katie Beth Hagen, Nick Hagen and Sam Hagen; three sisters; and a brother.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Ligonier United Methodist Church in Ligonier with Pastor Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the West Noble Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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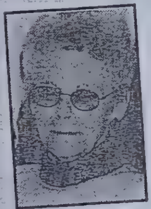
Charlotte Krueckeberg

KENDALLVILLE — Charlotte Ann Krueckeberg, age 82, of Kendallville died on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Krueckeberg was born in Vallejo, California, on June 6, 1926, to Max Dix and Mary Blanche (Crain) Smith Sr. and graduated from Herbert Hoover High School in 1942.



Mrs. Krueckeberg

She first married O.C. "Cal" Hershberger in Fort Wayne and he preceded her death on June 25, 1977.

She later married William Carl Krueckeberg and he also preceded her death on October 21, 2002.

Char will be remembered as a wonderful mother and homemaker.

She also was a secretary at Lutheran Hospital, and also worked at Sears and Hutner's Paris in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 86 of Kendallville.

She loved fishing, reading and gardening.

Survivors include six daughters, Claudia Lynn and Denny Beck of Butler, Mary and Mick McOmber of Columbia City, Carol Ann Hershberger of Fort Wayne, Joey and Mike Bak of White Lake, Michigan, Diane and Art Suever of Fort Wayne and Debbie Hershberger and her fiance, Denny Miller, both of Huntington; a stepson, Jay and Lori Krueckeberg of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Anne and Lenny Duff of Fort Wayne; seven granddaughters, Lori and Ryan Sholl of Hicksville, Ohio, Holly and John Sherman of Columbia City, Wendy and Chuck Rasche of Jasper, Jody and Joe Paris of White Lake, Heather and Tim Fry of Fort Wayne, Angela and Tony Ritchhart of Fort Wayne, and Melissa and Paul Miller of Indianapolis; three grandsons, Bob Beck of Butler, Kevin Bak of Orlando, Florida, and Mark and Diana Bak of Tucson, Arizona; 16 great-grandchildren, Kameron Beck, Colin Sholl, Taylor Gatwood, Dillon Rasche, McKenna Sherman, Lauren and Shea Paris, Logan and Landon Fry, Savannah and Preston Ritchhart, Natalie Miller, Riley Krueckeberg, and Camille, Danielle and Dillon Duff; and a sister, Patricia and William Forry of York Haven, Pennsylvania.

She was also preceded in death by parents; a brother, Max Dix Smith Jr.; a sister, Karen Vose; a lifetime friend, Darlene Heare; and great-grandson, Elliott Rasche.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 0389 C.R. 12, Corunna, Indiana. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Al Wingfield. Burial will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Char's sons-in-law and grandsons.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 18, 2009, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. There will also be visitation one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Monday.

Preferred memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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'He told it how it was'

Bill Rivers helped make big changes at Serenity House

FILE PHOTO

Former Serenity House board of directors president Bill Rivers, left, and Matt Rice, Serenity House executive director, second from left, stand with Shelli Davidson and Steve Smith, house managers for the long-term recovery home, at the playground on the facility's grounds. Rivers died Thanksgiving Day 2008 and was a recovering alcoholic.

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BY LINDSAY WINSLOW BROWN
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AUBURN — His name was Bill, and he was an alcoholic.

Bill Rivers sobered up 23 years ago, on Christmas Eve, but the label of alcoholism stayed with him forever. He never denied his disease or that he always would be recovering from it.

He fought his disease with strong cups of coffee, by helping others who were like him and therapeutically talking about the 12-step program with friends and family.

Bill died "clean and sober" on Thanksgiving Day 2008 after a brief, but aggressive battle with lung cancer. He was 66.

His friends say he was proof that someone could overcome alcoholism.

Bill studied engineering at Tri-State University and later joined the U.S. Navy. One of his favorite jobs while in the Navy was making flight simulators for helicopters at Travis Air Force Base in California. He also spent time in the Carolinas and Fairfield, Calif.

While in California he got married and had two children, Gina and Bill. His marriage fell apart. Later, in the mid-1980s, when Bill was 42, he started attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

While searching for sobriety at the AA meetings, he found his future wife, Kelly, who was 22 years younger than him. On their first date, Kelly said, they went to his house and made Chinese food. After that meal, they were inseparable. She added that their age difference "never made a bit of difference."

Bill and Kelly attended AA meetings together — something she said strengthened their marriage. Bill had a heart for helping struggling addicts.

"When he and I moved into together, we had six guys living with us. It looked like a YMCA," said Kelly, who added that all the guys were recovering alcoholics. Bill allowed them to stay in his home as long as they didn't drink. Bill's friends say that he didn't turn away those in need.

Shortly after their son, Timothy, was born, the couple moved to Auburn in 1995. Bill got a job at Ben Davis as a car salesman, then retired within a couple of years. He also started volunteering at Serenity House, a long-term drug and alcohol recovery center in rural Auburn.

Bill got involved with the center's operations, as well as its board of directors, serving in every possible position.

"I learned more from him than I did my own family, my own father," said Serenity House director Matt Rice. "He was a big part of making big changes at Serenity House."

In his altruistic manner, Bill told it like it was and left little room for doubt. He told you what was on his mind, and if a problem surfaced, he pointed it out and worked to fix it.

Although Matt admits he and Bill didn't always get along, Matt said Bill helped him to develop as a director. The two would go out for lunch often, and their usual spot was J's Garden & Grill on Auburn's Main Street.

"Bill was old-school AA. He was pretty much in your face. You couldn't bull… him," said his friend, Steve Smith, who came to Serenity House several years ago as a resident, but now works as a house manager.

Matt and Steve said Bill gave 100 percent. They told stories of Bill driving to pick up recovering alcoholics and others who were suffering.

"He told it how it was, but I laughed a lot with Bill, too," said Shelly Davidson, who used to work as a house manager at Serenity House.

When Bill was diagnosed with lung cancer in early 2008, Serenity House managers, directors and residents went to Bill's house to help with landscaping and home maintenance projects.

Matt, Steve and Shelly also accompanied Bill to his chemotherapy treatments. They described his treatments as upbeat, very spiritual and unlike anything they had ever experienced.

Kelly said Bill's kind attitude also inspired his doctor, who sent a card shortly after Bill's death.

"I didn't know what it meant to be a man," said Adam Bilbrey, who was a resident and currently is a house manager at Serenity House, "and Bill helped me."

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Grace Parmenter

LAGRANGE — Grace M. Parmenter, 85, of LaGrange died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the First Church of God in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons International and First Church of God.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com

David Goings Sr.

AUBURN — David E. Goings Sr., 65, passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at his home in Auburn.

Born in Auburn, he was a truck driver with API for 10 years and Richards Restaurant, Auburn, for three years. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Garrett and First Christian Church of Auburn, and was in the U.S. Navy from 1962-1964.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Goings of Auburn; children, David E. Goings Jr. of Butler, Loretta Albright-Goings of Butler and Mike Albright of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Heather Turner, David Goings III, Denisia Albright, Kyle Winn, Jeremiah Shaw, Cherokee Goings, Paige Albright and John Goings; great-grandchildren, Cole Turner, Paul Jr., Sierra, Destiny and Desirae; siblings, Dorothy Hartman of Kendallville, Sue Price of Auburn, Tina Goings of Angola, Deb Hash of Michigan, Bea Goings of Auburn, Tammy Albright of Ohio, Patty Goings of Fort Wayne, Jeff Goings of Illinois, Richard Goings of Kendallville, Donny Goings of Illinois and Freddie Harter of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Clarissa Balzer Miller; father, Frederick Goings; a sister; and a half-brother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling one hour prior, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford, with military graveside services by the American Legion post in Auburn.

Calling also is today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Clifford Cox

AUBURN — Clifford Damon Cox, 76, of Auburn, died Thursday, January 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Cox was born May 14, 1932 in Coldwater, Mich.

He was a custodian at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 27 years and retired in 1995. He also was a Boy Scout leader. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kendallville. His hobbies were family and garage sales, and he was very helpful to others.

He is survived by his wife, Effie (Bailey) Cox of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Michell Cox of Avilla and Carl and Edie Cox of LaGrange; three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Richard Reiff of LaGrange, Carol Ann Hopkins of Auburn and Lynn and Denis Miller of Corunna; four sisters, Beulah Sizemore of Colorado, Betty O'Conner of Pleasant Lake, Wava Jean McDonald of Auburn and Elizabeth Owens of Avilla; 21 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, two sisters and one grandchild, Tony Allen Hopkins.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Wilma May Skaggs

LAGRANGE — Wilma May Skaggs, 79, of LaGrange died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Living in LaGrange County since 1968, she moved to the area from Winchester. She was a homemaker and member of the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville and the LaGrange American Legion Post 215 Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Skaggs was born on July 5, 1929, in Cambridge City to Milton and Mary (Franklin) Snapp.

On Aug. 28, 1965, in Pleasant Lake, she married Willie Skaggs. He preceded her in death on May 18, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda S. and James Hicks of Topeka and Diane and Richard Powell of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, William J. and Linda Harris of Winchester and Douglas W. and Rosetta Harris of Ridgeville; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Willie Dean and Laurie Skaggs of Howe; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gilford Snapp of Williamsburg.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a grandson, Jon Powell; and a great-grandson, Matthew Harris.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

Charles Keller

LIGONIER — Charles A. Keller, 77, of Ligonier died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Parkview Hospital of Fort Wayne.

No calling or services are planned at this time. A private family burial will take place.

Memorials are to the donor's choice of charity.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com

Frances Fisel

LIGONIER — Frances E. Fisel, 84, of Ligonier died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com

Agnes 'Mary' Hollis

GARRETT — Agnes M. "Mary" Hollis, 92, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Kendallville Manor in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hollis was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Rosary Society and the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 3, 1916, in Ege to John J. and Rosalia (Konger) Molargik.

She married Andrew F. Hollis on June 21, 1940, in Ege. He died in 1996.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, James A. and Tonyua Hollis of Englewood, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Jerald McBride of Garrett and Jean and Terry Frohriep of Swanton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Nolasco Gomes officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Memorials are to Masses. Send a condolence or sign the online guestbook at thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Agnes Hollis

GARRETT — Agnes M. "Mary" Hollis, 92, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Kendallville Manor, Kendallville.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Rosary Society and Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

On Sept. 3, 1916, in Ege, she was born to John J. and Rosalia (Konger) Molargik. She married Andrew F. Hollis on June 21, 1940, in Ege. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James A. and Tonyua Hollis, Englewood, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Jerald McBride, Garrett, and Jean and Terry Frohriep, Swanton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Nolasco Gomes officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to masses at the church.

To send a condolence or sign the guestbook online visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Charles Keller

LIGONIER — Charles A. Keller, 77, of Ligonier died at 5:18 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

No services or calling are planned. Private family burial will take place.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is assisting family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Julia Hoot

ROME CITY — Julia Hoot, 65, of Rome City died today, Jan. 19, 2009, at her residence on Jones Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Paul Miller

UNION CITY — Paul Eugene "Gene" Miller, 75, of Union City died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at the Community Health Center of Branch County, Mich.

A memorial service will be held at the Lockwood Community Church at a date to be announced.

Cremation will take place according to his wishes.

Memorials are to the Jeri Holt Foundation.

Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, Mich., is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Fisel

LIGONIER — Frances Eleanor Fisel, 84, of Ligonier died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Private family services will be held with burial in Brown Cemetery, Millersburg.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Historical Society.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 20, 2009, Tuesday

Betty Newman, longtime Democratic activist, dies

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Longtime local Democratic Party supporter Betty Newman, 86, died Monday night in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Newman

Newman was involved in party events and getting people out to vote for many years.

"She was amazing," said Democratic Noble County Council president Don Moore. "She was the first person to arrive at all of our events and the last person to leave," he said this morning when told of her passing. "I hate to hear that. I've heard so many people say they wish they could be as active when they're her age."

Kendallville chiropractor Dr. Jerry Jansen, a Democratic member of Noble County Council, called Newman a woman from the 1950s who cared about patriotism and hard work. "She was actively involved in party events most of her life. She displayed patriotism (for her country) and working for the party when it was needed. It was a big part of her life."

Newman coordinated the Second Time Around Club at the Youth Center for senior citizens the past 15 years. Seniors played cards and socialized every Wednesday afternoon. "She always had a snack prepared for them," said Sally Wagoner, the Kendallville Park and Recreation Department's office manager. The park department office is located in the Youth Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Betty Newman

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Newman, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Dennis Whitlock

HOWE — Dennis L. Whitlock, 56, of Howe died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Lois Lothamer

AVILLA — Lois Esteline Lothamer, 85, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Avilla.

There will be no services or calling.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Wilbur Ernsberger

KENDALLVILLE — Wilbur H. Ernsberger, 81, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with burial in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Sidney Short

AUBURN — Sidney Albert Short, 80, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, in Auburn.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the food bank of donor's choice.

Julie Baker-Bryant

KENDALLVILLE — Julie Ann Baker-Bryant, 39, of Kendallville died Sunday near Dallas, Texas.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 20, 2009, Tuesday

Doris Beber

GARRETT — Doris A. Beber, 84, of Garrett died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Beber was a secretary for the Roy Jones Dog Shows for 15 years. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and also belonged to the Rosary Society. She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary, and was a past member of the Eagles.

She was born July 8, 1924, in Garrett to Paul J. and Teresa G. (Johnson) Faust. She married Eugene J. Beber on Aug. 31, 1946, in Lansing, Mich. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy L. and Jack Guthrie, Kendallville, and Debbie A. and Dale Pfeiffer, Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel J. and Regina Beber, Manassas, Va., and Paul L. and Bridget Beber, Garrett; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, William P. Faust; a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

There will be a privat family burial Thursday ir Calvary Cemetery, Garre

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or the Alzheimer's Association.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Julia Hoot

ROME CITY — Julia A. "Judy" Hoot, 65, of Rome City died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, in her residence at Jones Lake following a two-month illness.

Mrs. Hoot

Mrs. Hoot retired after 30 years of working in the office at Sears in Glenbrook Mall. She was a member of Fellowship Bible Church, Kendallville.

Her glory was her family. She was affectionately known as Grandma at the Lake by her great-grandchildren. She enjoyed fishing with her husband, and was one of the first women to participate in local bass fishing tournaments. She and her husband often took their bass boat to fish in Lake Erie, but she especially enjoyed going out in her pontoon on Jones Lake.

She also liked to cut and arrange the flowers that her husband planted and weeded. She wrote poetry and loved the Lord. But her passion in life was to tell others about Jesus.

Mrs. Hoot was born May 10, 1943, in Garrett to Wilbur and Janet (Sauder) Swander. On Nov., 15, 1959, in Garrett, she married Nick R. Hoot. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Angela Brinkman, Battle Creek, Mich., and Norm Brinkman, LaGrange, and Christina and Todd Walters, Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Melissa Hoot, Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Nicole and Jeremy Meade, Heather and Jeremy Randol, Ryan Samuels, Adam Hoot and Jackie Hoot; seven great-grandchildren, Bryanna, Courtlan, Becca, Madison, Bryson, Dylan and Jacob; a sister and brother-in-law, Carole and Jack Reynolds, Auburn; and a brother and sister-in-law, Kim and Joan Swander, LaOtto.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with Pastor Tom Dyson of Fellowship Bible Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Todd Walters, Norm Brinkman, Jeremy Randol, Jeremy Meade, Adam Hoot, Lynn Reynolds and Brian Reynolds.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fellowship Bible Church Building Fund.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhme.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 21, 2009, Wednesday

Manford Ober Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Manford J. "Jerry" Ober Jr., 80, of Kendallville died Monday, January 19, 2009, at 11:42 p.m. in St. Joe Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ober

Mr. Ober was a retired farmer, and a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and did so on a daily basis.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, and will be missed very much by his family.

He was born January 23, 1928, in Garrett, Indiana, to Manford and Valera "Belle" (Lung) Ober. On June 3, 1949, in Columbia City he married Margaret Marker.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Ober of Kendallville; a son, Michael Ober of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Tara Wolf of Kendallville, Amy Wenning of Rome City, Nicole Ober of Fort Wayne, Jessica Ober of Denver, Colorado, and Jeremy Ober of Angola; seven great-grandchildren, Amber Goodwin, Ashley Goodwin, Brandon Wolf, Kayla Wenning, Dequan Ober, Janyah Ober and Thomas Michael Healy; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and John Wittkamper of Knightstown, Indiana; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert Ober, Harold Lee and Roberta Ober, and Larry and Judy Ober, all of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dennis Ober.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 24, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Sam Weimer and Pastor Orlo Hibbs officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Tim Slone, Steven Rummel, Steven Scheurich, Jimmie Williams, Jeremy Robertson and Doug Jones.

Calling will be Friday, January 23, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dennis Whitlock

HOWE — Dennis L. Whitlock, 56, of Howe died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Whitlock

Mr. Whitlock was the owner of Plastic Veneering in LaGrange from 1995 until 2008.

He was a member of the Howe United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men of the church.

He was also active as a volunteer with the LaGrange County 4-H Fair Association, LaGrange County Girls Softball Program, and various school activities with Lakeland School Corp.

Mr. Whitlock was born on May 12, 1952, in Metropolis, Ill., to William M. and Myrtle F. (Burns) Whitlock. He married Peggy S. Hoopingarner in LaGrange on July 11, 1987. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Carmen Whitlock and Alison Whitlock, both of Howe, and Carla and Vince Bossnack of Bristol; a son, Christopher L. Whitlock of Middlebury; two grandchildren; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Bonnie Moran and Betty Poling, both of Howe, Brenda and Thomas Webster of Topeka, and Tina and Charles Johnson of White Pigeon, Mich.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Jan Whitlock of Kentucky and Murray and Carla Whitlock of Howe.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Shirley Patrick.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 21, 2009, Wednesday

Teresa Deese

KENDALLVILLE — Teresa Ann Deese, 43, of Kendallville died at 9:23 p.m. at her home.

She had worked at the Charger House Restaurant for many years.

She was a graduate of Central Noble High School and had obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 7, 1965, in Noble County to Selby and JoAnn (Herendeen) Gemmill.

Surviving are two children, Sara Mundon of Ligonier and Kyle Mundon of Kendallville; two brothers, Todd and Joan Gemmill of Albion and Tony and Shelly Gemmill of Noblesville; and a grandmother, Eileen Huff of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and a stillborn brother.

A private family service will be held.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, for family and friends.

Memorials are to the Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, 3031 Stanford Ranch Road, Suite 2332, Rocklin, CA 95765.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Charles Fulmer

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Charles L. Fulmer, 79, of Hicksville died suddenly at his home on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.

He had retired as a layout inspector at ITT in Fort Wayne, Ind., after 50 years of service.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He was born on May 17, 1929, in Robertson County, Tenn., the son of Frank and Nola (Frey) Fulmer. He married Elsie E. Burch on July 8, 1950, in Washington, D.C. She died in 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn and William Crites; a son, Ralph Stephen Fulmer, both of Hicksville; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathryn and Darwin Moses of Alamogordo, N.M., Marie and John Mathews of Manchaca, Texas, Evelyn and William Wilder of Columbia City, Ind., and Iva and Edward Ray of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, James and Dorothy Fulmer of Auburn, Ind.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, T. J.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville with Gerald Bear officiating. Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and after noon on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Florence Moor

ANGOLA — Florence Leota Moor, 84, of Angola died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Moor had worked at Weatherhead in Angola.

She was a 54-year member of the Angola Women of the Moose. She was also a member of the Elks Lodge and the George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign War Post Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 2, 1924 in Williams County, Ohio, to Herbert J. and Lottie (Bilow) Beattie. She married Harry Edwin Moor on Jan. 23, 1940. He died Aug. 24, 1983.

Surviving are two sons, Richard and Lorna Moor of Angola and Edwin Moor of Charlotte, Mich.; a daughter, Janice and Vern Swanum of Duluth, Minn.; a brother, Roger and Norma Beattie of Angola; a sister, Maxine Underwood of Bryan, Ohio; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Angola Moose Lodge.

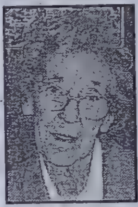
Memorials are to Mooseheart.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 21, 2009, Wednesday

Betty Newman

KENDALLVILLE — Elizabeth Jean "Betty" Newman, age 86, of Kendallville died on Monday, January 19, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.



Mrs. Newman

Mrs. Newman was born in Kendallville on December 26, 1922, to Charles S. and Louise Amelia (Fritz) Haverfield.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941 and married Donald Lee Newman on November 28, 1943, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. He preceded her in death August 28, 1983.

Betty was a homemaker and worked at Domex in Kendallville from 1974-86.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and was active in the past with the Witherspoon Circle.

Betty was the Noble County Vice Chairman of the Central Democratic Committee and was a member of the Noble County Democratic Women's Club.

She belonged to the Euchre Club at the Kendallville Youth Center and each week cooked lunch for all who came to play cards.

Betty was a volunteer coordinator for the Bargain Shop since 1984.

She was a member of the IU Alumni Association, the Elks Lodge No. 1194, the Moose Lodge No. 730, and the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She also was a member member of Business and Professional Women, Kendallville Windmill Museum & Historical Society, and the North Shore Animal League.

Betty also actively supported the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and James Mesing of Jacksonville, Florida; two granddaughters and their spouses, Tammy and Chris Cotton of North Webster and Traci and Edward Schuh of Dallas, Texas; great-grandchildren, Candice, Trevor, Trent and Kayla Brown and Bowden, Cameron and Camille Schuh; and one great-great-grandson, Jaxon Brown.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Joan Iddings who died in May 1999 and Mary Kathryn Likens who died August 2001.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 22, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 23, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Stanley Kessler.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Jim Mesing, Chris Cotton, Trevor Brown, Trent Brown, Shawn Severe and Chad Severe.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Bargain Shop, Noble County Humane Society or Noble County Democrat Women.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Julie Bryant

KENDALLVILLE — Julie Ann Bryant, 39, of Kendallville and mostly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, near Dallas, Texas.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour prior to services and from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 21, 2009 Wednesday

Helen B. Hagen, 79

ANNA MARIA ISLAND, FL - Helen B. Hagen, age 79, a resident of Anna Maria Island, FL., formerly of Ligonier passed away unexpectedly as the result of natural causes on January 15, 2009 at 12:13 AM at her summer home on Lake Wawasee.

In 1997 she was given a second chance at life when she received a kidney from her sister Barbara. Helen was proud of her sister's act of kindness and the health it brought.

On April 23, 1929 in Chicago, IL she was born to Wiley and Helen (Polfer) Stone. On May 13, 1951 in Morocco, IN she married Rex Hagen, he survives.

She was a dedicated homemaker and had been involved with the family business, Superior Sample since its inception in 1957.

Helen moved to Ligonier in 1957 where she resided until 1994 at which time she and her husband became residents of Anna Marie Island, FL and spent summers at Lake Wawasee.

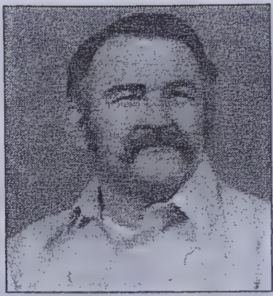
She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and had also been involved in various civic organizations over the years. She loved playing tennis, golf, and bridge. She also enjoyed entertaining guests and was a great cook. She will always be remembered for her love of her family, dedication to the community and passion for Purdue.

Helen is survived by her husband, Rex Hagen; one daughter, Nancy Beth (Rich) Stage of Big Sky, Montana; one son, Mark David (Jeanna) Hagen of Cromwell; four grandchildren, Cole Douglas Stage, McKenzie Grace Stage, Katie Beth Hagen, Nick Hagen, and Sam Hagen; three sisters and one brother.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and her parents.

A Memorial Service was held Sunday, January 18, 2009 at Ligonier United Methodist Church- Ligonier, IN with Pastor Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made payable to West Noble Food Pantry



Samuel E. Cavanaugh Sr., 61

FLORIDA – Samuel E. Cavanaugh Sr. 61 a resident of Eustis, Florida, died Saturday, January 10.

He was born October 6, 1947 in Marion, Indiana.

He retired from DanaWeatherhead in Columbia City, Indiana.

Mr. Cavanaugh was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and received the purple heart. He was also a former fire chief for the Noble Township Fire Dept..

He is survived by his wife Janice Cavanaugh, his parents, Carl and Jackie Cavanaugh, two sons, Samuel E. Jr., (Nicole Fry); Christopher (Melissa Worman); two daughters, Regina Cavanaugh; Angela (James) Hildebrand; one sister, Debra (Jim) Knight and 9 grandchildren.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 21, 2009 Wednesday

Michael Lynn Herschberger, 14
Lyle Eugene Herschberger, 12

LIGONIER – Michael Lynn Herschberger, 14, and Lyle Eugene Herschberger, 12, passed away unexpectedly Monday January 12, 2009 at the family residence.

Michael was born on June 11, 1994 and Lyle was born on January 3,1997 in Goshen to David B. and Arlene W. (Bontrager) Hershberger. They lived in Ligoner all their lives. They were members of the Old Order Amish Church and Michael was an 8th grader while Lyle was a 6th grader at West Noble Middle School.

Surviving are their parents, three brothers; Myron (Martha) Herschberger of Ligonier, Leon (Loretta) Herschberger of Shipshewana, Lavon Herschberger of Ligonier, & his special friend Jolene Bontrager of Shipshewana, two sisters; Marla (Jason) Knepp of Ligonier, Joanne Herschberger of Ligonier and her special friend, Luke Troyer of Nappanee, grandparents; William (Lettie) Bontrager of LaGrange and Lizzie Herschberger of Topeka, nieces and nephews; Emily, Waylon, Joel and Keven Herschberger and Benjamin Knepp. They are also survived by many aunts,uncles, cousins and countless friends.

They were preceded in death by their grandfather Ben Herschberger.

Services were at the residence, with Bishop David Miller & The Home Ministers officiating.

Pallbearers for Michael were Mathew Schwartz, Dennis Bontrager, Ernest Bontrager and Allen Miller.

Pallbearers for Lyle were Lavon Miller, Gerald Miller, Wilbur Miller, Harley Miller, LaWade Schwartz, Jon Miller.

Burial was in Clear Springs Cemetery, Topeka.

Clifford Damon Cox, 76

AUBURN — Clifford Damon Cox, 76, of Auburn, died Thursday, January 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Cox was born May 14, 1932 in Coldwater, Mich.

He was a custodian at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 27 years and retired in 1995. He also was a Boy Scout leader. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kendallville. His hobbies were family and garage sales, and he was very helpful to others.

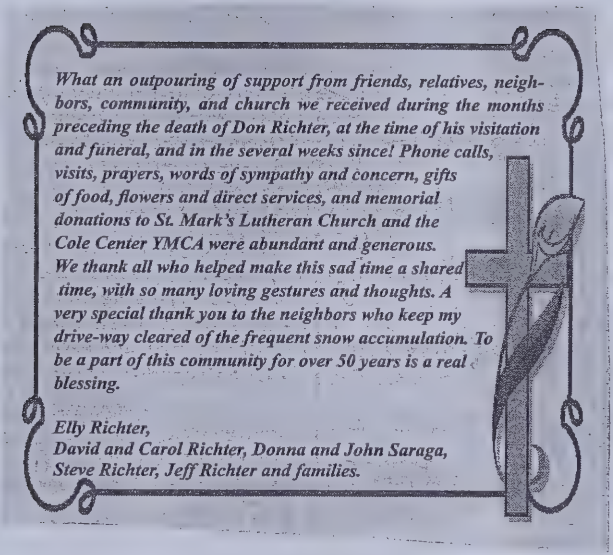
He is survived by his wife, Effie (Bailey) Cox of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Michell Cox of Avilla and Carl and Edie Cox of LaGrange; three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Richard Reiff of LaGrange, Carol Ann Hopkins of Auburn and Lynn and Denis Miller of Corunna; four sisters, Beulah Sizemore of Colorado, Betty O'Conner of Pleasant Lake, Wava Jean McDonald of Auburn and Elizabeth Owens of Avilla; 21 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, two sisters and one grandchild, Tony Allen Hopkins.

Services were held January 20, 2009 at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial took place in Sedan Cemetery.

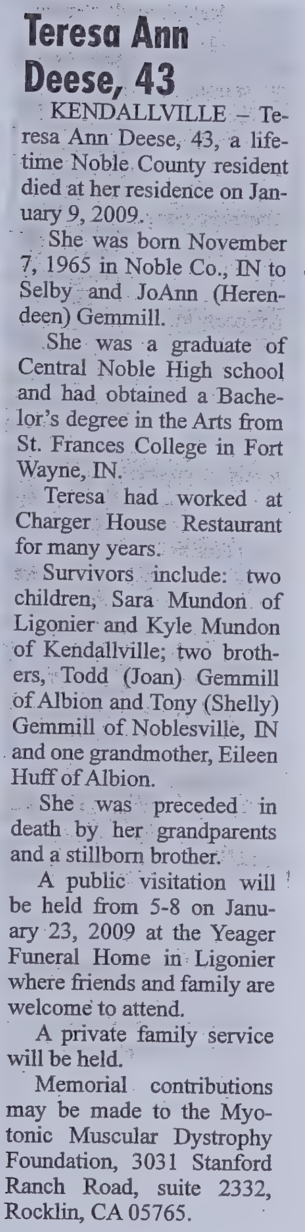
Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 21, 2009 Wednesday



What an outpouring of support from friends, relatives, neighbors, community, and church we received during the months preceding the death of Don Richter, at the time of his visitation and funeral, and in the several weeks since! Phone calls, visits, prayers, words of sympathy and concern, gifts of food, flowers and direct services, and memorial donations to St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the Cole Center YMCA were abundant and generous. We thank all who helped make this sad time a shared time, with so many loving gestures and thoughts. A very special thank you to the neighbors who keep my drive-way cleared of the frequent snow accumulation. To be a part of this community for over 50 years is a real blessing.

Elly Richter,
David and Carol Richter, Donna and John Saraga,
Steve Richter, Jeff Richter and families.



Teresa Ann Deese, 43

KENDALLVILLE – Teresa Ann Deese, 43, a lifetime Noble County resident died at her residence on January 9, 2009.

She was born November 7, 1965 in Noble Co., IN to Selby and JoAnn (Herendeen) Gemmill.

She was a graduate of Central Noble High school and had obtained a Bachelor's degree in the Arts from St. Frances College in Fort Wayne, IN.

Teresa had worked at Charger House Restaurant for many years.

Survivors include: two children, Sara Mundon of Ligonier and Kyle Mundon of Kendallville; two brothers, Todd (Joan) Gemmill of Albion and Tony (Shelly) Gemmill of Noblesville, IN and one grandmother, Eileen Huff of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and a stillborn brother.

A public visitation will be held from 5-8 on January 23, 2009 at the Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier where friends and family are welcome to attend.

A private family service will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, 3031 Stanford Ranch Road, suite 2332, Rocklin, CA 05765.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 22, 2009, Thursday

Julie Bryant

KENDALLVILLE — Julie Ann Bryant, age 39, of Kendallville and most recently of Fort Wayne died on Sunday, January 18, 2009, near Dallas, Texas.

Ms. Bryant was born in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on January 21, 1969, to John A. and Bette L. (Coplin) Bryant.

She graduated from Wawasee High School in 1987.

She was an owner/operator and semi truck driver for the last 18 years.

Julie enjoyed collecting coins and loved being around children. She was a Chicago Bears fan.

Survivors include her mother and father, Bette and John Bryant of Fort Wayne; brother, William and Tori Bryant of Ashley; sister, Tonya and Tom Keith of Wabash; two nieces and a nephew, Katie and Jessika Chaffins and Druid Chaffins; and a grandmother, Eileen Coplin of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, William and Annetta Bryant, and a grandfather, Carl Coplin.

Visitation will be Friday, January 23, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 24, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

There will be an hour of calling before the funeral.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Gary Lovens.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Daniel Bakstad

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. — Daniel S. Bakstad, 83, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, died Monday, January 19th, 2009, at Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, to the late John and Mildred Bakstad, Dan grew up in Angola, Indiana. He was in the Navy flight training program and a veteran of World War II. He was a graduate of Tri-State College and managed the family business of Daniel Shank Lumber Yard. Prior to retirement he was a real estate broker with Merrill Lynch in Clearwater, Florida.

A licensed pilot and boater, Dan was past president of the Angola Jaycees, past president of the Gulf Beach Rotary Club and enjoyed being a member of the Romeos Club in Hendersonville. During retirement Dan and Shirley lived on their boat and traveled extensively for four years.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Shirley; five children, Daniel E. Bakstad and wife Vicki of Johns Creek, Ga.; Kristin Mason and husband Randy of Rockville, Md.; Craig Bakstad and wife Lynn of Mooresville, N.C.; Lisa Martin and husband Hugh of Lewis Center, Ohio, and Anne Gunsteens and husband Jeff of Germantown, Md.; 11 grandchildren; and niece Kari Bentz and her husband Chris of Ludington, Mich.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 23rd, in the Chapel at Lake Pointe Landing in Hendersonville, N.C. Military honors will be conducted by Hubert M. Smith American Legion Post 77, Hedrick-Rhodes Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5206, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 14. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the clubhouse.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army c/o Food Bank, 239 3rd Avenue E., Hendersonville, NC 28793.

Additional information is available at www.bakstad.com.

To read more and sign the online register book, please visit www.shulerfuneralhome.com.

Shuler Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Richard Lane

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Richard E. Lane, 58, of Corpus Christi, Texas, formerly of Butler, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at his residence.

A private memorial service will be held in San Diego, Calif.

In his memory visit online at www.caringbridge.org/visit/richardlane.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 22, 2009, Thursday

Julia Hoot

ROME CITY — Julia A. "Judy" Hoot, 65, of Rome City died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, in her residence at Jones Lake following a two-month illness.

Mrs. Hoot

Mrs. Hoot retired after 30 years of working in the office at Sears in Glenbrook Mall. She was a member of Fellowship Bible Church, Kendallville.

Her glory was her family. She was affectionately known as Grandma at the Lake by her great-grandchildren. She enjoyed fishing with her husband, and was one of the first women to participate in local bass fishing tournaments. She and her husband often took their bass boat to fish in Lake Erie, but she especially enjoyed going out in her pontoon on Jones Lake.

She also liked to cut and arrange the flowers that her husband planted and weeded. She wrote poetry and loved the Lord. But her passion in life was to tell others about Jesus.

Mrs. Hoot was born May 10, 1943, in Garrett to Wilbur and Janet (Sauder) Swander. On Nov., 15, 1959, in Garrett, she married Nick R. Hoot. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Angela Brinkman, Battle Creek, Mich., and Norm Brinkman, LaGrange, and Christina and Todd Walters, Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Melissa Hoot, Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Nicole and Jeremy Meade, Heather and Jeremy Randol, Ryan Samuels, Adam Hoot and Jackie Hoot; seven great-grandchildren, Bryanna, Courtlan, Becca, Madison, Bryson, Dylan and Jacob; a sister and brother-in-law, Carole and Jack Reynolds, Auburn; and a brother and sister-in-law, Kim and Joan Swander, LaOtto.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with Pastor Tom Dyson of Fellowship Bible Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Todd Walters, Norm Brinkman, Jeremy Randol, Jeremy Meade, Adam Hoot, Lynn Reynolds and Brian Reynolds.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fellowship Bible Church Building Fund.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Erma Miller

ANGOLA — Erma B. Miller, 86, of Angola died at 4:05 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Miller had been a homemaker. She had retired from General Electric in 1962.

Mrs. Miller

She was a member of Trinity Nazarene Church in Fort Wayne. She had been the last surviving elder of the church.

She was born Sept. 24, 1922, in Farmland to Ernest and Lila May (Tague) Morgan. She married Ernest Miller and he died Oct. 14, 1954.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Randall Vickers of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Perry Miller of Angola and Timothy and Sue Miller of New Haven; a sister, Sylvia Walker of Fort Wayne; a brother, Gilbert and Cody Morgan ofMuncie; nine grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Nita Holloway; and four brothers, Cecil, Dwayne, Cleo and Paul "Doc" Morgan.

Services will be at 11 a.m Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, 520 N. Second St, Decatur, with the Rev. Ken Stirratt officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to www.zwickjahn.com.

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Joan Etzler

FORT WAYNE — Joan A. Etzler, 83, of Fort Wayne died Jan. 20, 2009, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

She and her husband had spent their winters in Florida and summers at Lake George and returned to Fort Wayne in 1996.

Mrs. Etzler has worked at People's Trust Bank and had retired in 1984 after 10 years at Stillman's Department Store.

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She was a former member of the South Side Optimist Club and a volunteer at the Embassy Theatre.

Mrs. Etzler was a 1943 graduate of South Side High School.

She was born Aug. 18, 1925, in Allen County.

Surviving are her husband, Richard A. Etzler of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce A. and Jennifer Etzler of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol L. and Robert Matthews of Kendallville; a brother, Gerald W. Lee of Manhatton, Ill.; a sister, Delores Hazlett of Muncie; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gordon R.; and a granddaughter, Corrie M.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran School or Heartland Hospice.

Jeffrey Stark

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Jeffrey A. Stark, 45, of Defiance, Ohio, died at 9:35 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, in Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance, Ohio.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with scripture service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Indiana University Medical Molecular Genetics Research in Huntington's Chorea Disease, Brookview Healthcare Center Activity Fund or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Helen Bussell

AUBURN — Helen L. Bussell, 88, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Bussell

Mrs. Bussell was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn where she had served in the church choir, as youth Sunday school superintendent, a Bible school teacher, and belonged to Faith Circle.

Mrs. Bussell was born in Auburn on May 18, 1920, to Perry C. and Bernice (Weimer) Stebing. She married J. Philip Bussell on Nov. 23, 1938, in Auburn. He preceded her in death Nov. 23, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jayne and David McClellan, and Carol Reese, all of Auburn; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Linda Stebing of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Roger Stebing.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. 9th St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

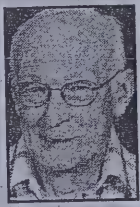
Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (Rocky Boy Indian Reservation) Route 1, 1070, Box Elder, Mont. 59521-0728, or Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Inc., P.O. Box 354, Mission Lane, Rock Point, Ariz., 86545-0354.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the guestbook visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Wilbur Ernsberger

KENDALLVILLE — Wilbur H. Ernsberger, 81, died Monday, January 19, 2009, in St. Joe Hospital, Fort Wayne.



Mr. Ernsberger

Mr. Ernsberger was a farmer, and worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for over 30 years.

His favorite way to spend time was with his family.

He was well known for his quick wit and one-liners.

He was born in LaGrange County on September 5, 1927, to Theodore W. and Eva G. (Hart) Ernsberger. He married Treva J. (Emerick) Ernsberger in Kendallville on September 3, 1954.

Surviving with Treva, his wife of 54 years, are a daughter and son-in law, Sherrie and Richard Dalrymple of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kerry and Tena Ernsberger of Avilla, Roy and Lori Ernsberger of Kendallville, and Ray and Lilian Ernsberger of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Carol Ernsberger of Kendallville; many grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Wava Schindler and Dorothy Windle; and a son, Greg A. Ernsberger.

Funeral services will be today, Thursday, January 22, 2009, at 6 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Brian Walter of the South Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be today, Thursday, January 22, 2009, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

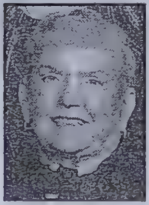
View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 22, 2009, Thursday

Services were held Sunday for Helen Hagen

LIGONIER — Helen B. Hagen, 79, of Anna Maria Island, Fla., and formerly of Ligonier died unexpectedly at 12:13 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at her summer home on Lake Wawasee.

Mrs. Hagen was given a second chance at life in 1997 when she received a kidney from her sister, Barbara. Helen was proud of her sister's act of kindness and the good health it brought to her.


Mrs. Hagen

She was a dedicated homemaker and had been involved with the family business, Superior Sample, since its inception in 1957.

Mrs. Hagen moved to Ligonier in 1957 and lived there until she and her husband moved to Anna Maria Island in 1994. They spent summers at Lake Wawasee.

She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and had been involved in various civic organizations over the years.

Mrs. Hagen loved to play tennis, golf and bridge. She also enjoyed entertaining guests and was known as a great cook.

She will be remembered for her love for her family, passion for Purdue University and dedication to the community.

She was born April 23, 1929, in Chicago to Wiley and Helen (Polfer) Stone. She married Rex Hagen on May 13, 1951, in Morocco, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Beth and Rich Stage of Big Sky, Mont.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark David and Jeanna Hagen of Cromwell; grandchildren, Cole Douglas Stage, McKenzie Grace Stage, Katie Beth Hagen, Nick Hagen and Sam Hagen; three sisters; and a brother.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Services were this past Sunday at Ligonier United Methodist Church in Ligonier with Pastor Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the West Noble Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 22, 2009, Thursday

Frances Fisel

LIGONIER — Frances Eleanor Fisel, 84, of Ligonier died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Private family services will be held with burial in Brown Cemetery, Millersburg.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Historical Society.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Teresa Deese

KENDALLVILLE — Teresa Ann Deese, 43, of Kendallville died at 9:23 p.m. at her home.

A private family service will be held.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, for family and friends.

Memorials are to the Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, 3031 Stanford Ranch Road, Suite 2332, Rocklin, CA 95765.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Charles Keller

LIGONIER — Charles A. Keller, 77, of Ligonier died at 5:18 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

No services or calling are planned. Private family burial will take place.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is assisting family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Jeffrey Stark

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Jeffrey A. Stark, 45, of Defiance died at 9:35 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, in Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance, where he was a resident.

He was a 1982 graduate of Edgerton High School, where he was active in baseball, basketball and football. He was employed by Hayes-Albion in Bryan, Ohio, retiring due to disability.

Mr. Stark

Mr. Stark was a member of the Bryan Eagles Aerie No. 2233.

He coached Pony League baseball and Minor League girls softball in Edgerton and also coached the Eagles ladies softball team.

He was born on Aug. 28, 1963, in Bryan, Ohio, to Richard C. and Karen B. (Witte) Stark.

Surviving are a daughter, Jessica Stark, of Hamilton, Ind.; his father, Richard C. Stark of Edgerton, Ohio; a sister, Cheri (Matt) Pollard of Sherwood, Ohio; a nephew, two nieces and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Karen B. Stark in 1998; and a sister, Charlene R. Rodriquez-Shadbolt in 2007.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton, with a Scripture service at 8 p.m.

Memorials in the name of Jeffrey A. Stark may be given to Indiana University Medical Molecular Genetics Research in Huntington's Chorea Disease, Brookview Healthcare Center Activity Fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Richard Lane

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Richard E. Lane, age 58, formerly of Butler, Ind., died January 14, 2009, in his home in Corpus Christi, Texas.

He was a 1969 graduate of Eastside High School.

Mr. Lane

He served as Master (1974 and 1975) of The Free and Accepted Masons, Forest Lodge No, 239, Butler IN.

He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the MIZPAH Shrine in Fort Wayne.

Richard was an avid saxophone player and played in the Shrine Band for several years prior to moving to California.

He designed and engineered projects for the family owned business, Lane Realty, until 1981. He then joined ITT Tech in Fort Wayne before being transferred to the San Diego, Calif., campus in 1986, where he continued teaching until 2000.

Richard E. Lane was born November 3, 1950, to Paul and Zelda Lane of Butler, Ind.

Richard is survived by his children, Brett (Laurie) Lane, Bart (Farrah) Lane, Annette Lane, and Matthew Lane, and his four grandchildren all of San Diego, Calif.

He is also survived by two brothers, Jim Lane of Texas, Dave Lane of Butler, Ind., and a sister, Carolyn Cox of Minnesota.

A private memorial service will be held in San Diego, Calif.

Please visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/richardelane in memory of Richard.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 23, 2009, Friday

Betty Painter

SHIPSHEWANA — Betty L. Painter, 72, of Shipshewana died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at the Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services at 4 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with the Rev. Rick Lambright officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Norma Grepke-Staley

BUTLER — Norma Louise Grepke-Staley, 76, of Butler died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Chloa Perkins

MONTPELIER, OHIO — Chloa Perkins, 75, of Monpelier, Ohio, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home, Montpelier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Monpelier, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Christopher Perkins Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Montpelier Area Foundation or the Brent Morgan Athletic Scholarship Fund at Montpelier High School.

John Adams

KENDALLVILLE — John W. Adams, Sr., 72, of Kendallville died at 10:13 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Herman Coffelt

KENDALLVILE — Herman Ray Coffelt, 87, of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at his sister Betty Bair's residence in Wolcottville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial in Mongo Cemetery, Mongo.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center for the Disabled in Fort Wayne or to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Norma Grepke-Staley

BUTLER — Norma Louise Grepke-Staley, 76, of Butler, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at her home in Butler.

Mrs. Staley was a homemaker. She also worked most of her life as a waitress, working at the Tee Pee, Hamilton House, Town Tavern, and most recently for Richards Restaurant where she retired in 1996.

Mrs. Staley

She was a former member of the Butler American Legion Auxiliary and the Butler Eagles.

She was well known for her cooking and baking. She was also an avid Dale Earnhardt fan.

She was born Aug. 17, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Arthur Grepke and Dorthea (Jackson) Madden.

Surviving are: two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Cheryl Staley of Waterloo, and Adam and Karen Staley of Butler; one daughter, Cindy Staley of Leo; her ex-husband, Raymond Staley of Waterloo; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Angela and Todd Burggrave of Auburn, Jamison Staley of Tampa, Fla., Derrek Staley of Butler, Andrew Staley of Butler, Brooke Staley of Butler, Tobey and Heather Zehr of Fort Wayne and Kitrina and Brian Wright of Fishers; four great-grandchildren, Amanda Burggrave, Megan Burggrave, Brandon Burggrave and Melia Wright; two brothers, John Madden and Jimmy Madden, both of California; and one sister, Kim Madden of California.

She was preceded in death by her father and stepmother, Arthur and Eva Grepke; her mother and stepfather, Dorthea and Leonard Madden; one brother, Buddy Grepke; and one sister, Marjorie Cole.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Lester Bond Sr.

LAGRANGE — Lester C. Bond Sr., 77, of LaGrange died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at the VA Hospital in Indianapolis.

Services will be on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Douglas Carr officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with a military graveside service.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the American Kidney Fund.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Lewis Schnepp

LAKE GEORGE — Lewis L. Schnepp, 84, of Lake George died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehab in Angola.

Mr. Schnepp had retired as a welder from Fort Wayne Truck Engineering after 47 years of service.

Mr. Schnepp

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Mr. Schnepp was a member of American Legion Post 296, the Moose Lodge in New Haven and the NRA.

He was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Decatur.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie Melchi Schnepp of Lake George; a son and daughter-in-law, Lon and Lynn Schnepp of Trenton, Mich.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Dennis Spitler of Fort Wayne, Pam and Tony Wiedemann of New Haven and Kay and Mike Caccamo of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Kenneth Schnepp; and a sister, Marcia Neukom.

Service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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John Adams

John W. Adams, 72, of Kendallville died at 10:13 a.m. Thursday, January 22, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for two weeks.

Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams graduated from Angola High School in 1955, and from Outboard Marine Corporation Service School in Waukegan, Illinois, in 1957. He worked as an outboard motor mechanic at Sylvan Lake Marine in Rome City from 1966 until 1969, then again from 1971 to 1978. He was employed by Armstrong's Marina in Coolidge, Arizona, from 1978 until 1984 and ran a freelance photography studio with his wife during that period.

He returned to Indiana in 1985, and was employed by Clark's Landing Marina in Hamilton until his retirement in 1994.

He enjoyed photography, model railroading, classic cars and vintage aircraft.

He was born August 4, 1936, in Kendallville to Wallace and Jean (Strater) Adams. His father preceded him in death in 1971 and his mother in 1995. On June 15, 1958, in Angola, he married Shirley Henley. She preceded him in death July 11, 1999.

He is survived by a lady friend, Esther Harp of Kendallville; a son, John W. Adams Jr. of Kendallville; a former daughter-in-law, Nancy Adams of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Sarah Adams of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Jennifer G. Adams of Ligonier and John W. Adams III of Ligonier; a stepgranddaughter, Jessica Bates of Kendallville; and three great-grandsons, Corey Hernandez, Juan Hernandez and Jorge Moran, all of Ligonier.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, P.O. Box 431, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Herman Coffelt

KENDALLVILLE — Herman Ray Coffelt, 87, formerly of Kendallville and recently of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at the home of his sister Betty Barr in Wolcottville.

Mr. Coffelt

Mr. Coffelt had been a farmer and had worked as a foreman at Kraft Foods for many years.

He was born in Kendallville on Feb. 10, 1921, to Ray and Edna (Gustin) Coffelt.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Joyce Lothamer of Jimmerson Lake, Marcia Conley and her husband, Jeff Raff, of Fort Wayne and Rita and Van Knox of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Barr of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Delphos "Buzz" and Robert Coffelt; and two sisters, Helen Drerup and Mildred "Teen" Kline.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Ken Weaver, Parkview Noble Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will be at Mongo Cemetery in Mongo.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center for Disabled in Fort Wayne or to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 24, 2009, Saturday

Marissa Squadrito

FORT WAYNE — Marissa Marie Squadrito, 10 months, passed away Thursday, January 22, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Marissa Squadrito

Surviving are her parents, Joel and Kara Squadrito; two brothers, Joseph Martin III and Andrew Vincent, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Madison Rae Farlow and Macy Kay Farlow, of Fort Wayne; her grandparents, Joseph M. and Rita Squadrito of Fort Wayne, Donald and Brenda Patrick of Ligonier, Carol and Dave Kelsey of Allendale, Ill., and Brad Weimer of Spring Creek, Nev.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Eric Bass officiating.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Payton Manning Children's Hospital, 2001 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Tom Turner

TOPEKA — Tom Richard Turner, 76, of Topeka died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at his home following a battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Turner

Mr. Turner began Turner Pharmacy in 1969 after moving to the area from Waukegan, Ill. He then worked for Abbott Laboratories in the Chicago area for 10 years. He served as vice president of Tite Lok in Topeka from 1978 to 1990. From 1991 to May 2008 he worked as a pharmacist at Wal-Mart.

He was a 1950 graduate of Topeka High School and a 1959 graduate of the Purdue University School of Pharmacy. He served in the U.S. Navy as a medic for four years.

Mr. Turner served on the LaGrange County BZA and Planning Commission from 1980 to 1990.

He was a lifetime member of the LaGrange American Legion. He was also a member of Topeka Baptist Church, Eden Worship Center and the Purdue Alumni Association.

He was born June 23, 1932, in Sturgis, Mich., to William "Bill" and May (Troyer) Turner. He married Loretta Witt. Following their divorce, he married Sharon Zook on Dec. 31, 1984, in Prince George's County, Maryland. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Earl Saxman of Matthews, N.C., Kari and Jay Shannon of West Memphis, Ark., Nichole and Dan Orvin of Charleston, S.C., and Heather and Mike Antal of Topeka; two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Judy Turner of Moline, Ill., and Stewart and Jackie Bender of Topeka; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bill Turner in 2007.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Eden Worship Center, 4095 S. C.R. 900W, Topeka, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery at Topeka. Military graveside services will be conducted by the LaGrange American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Eden Worship Center.

Memorials are to the Goshen Center for Cancer Care or the Goshen Care at Home Hospice.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 25, 2009, Sunday

Bachelor helped keep farm in family

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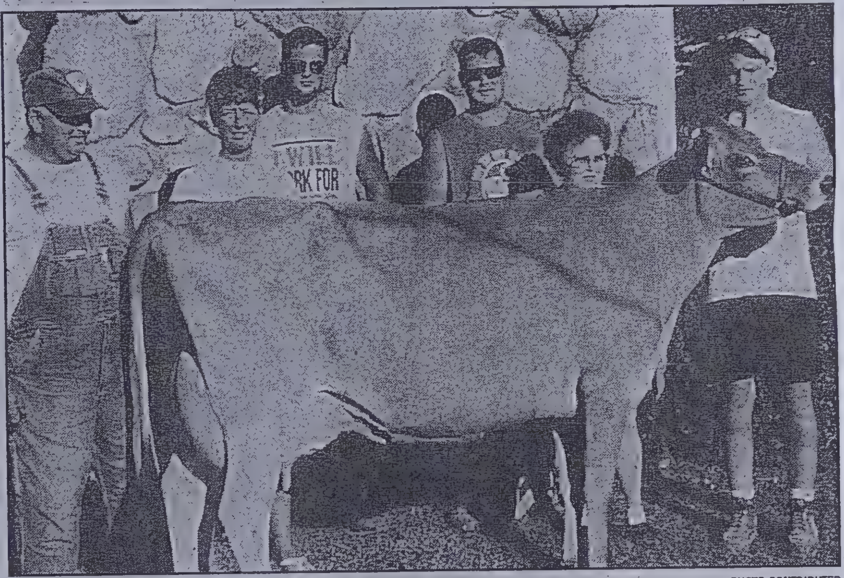

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June Bachelor, second from right, helped to keep her family's dairy farm going through her work with the farm's calves and her expert paperwork skills. With her is her son, Steve Bachelor, left, daughter -in-law, Lynda and grandsons Cory, Curtis and Shawn Bachelor.

ANGOLA — Stephen Bachelor said he's not quite sure how it happened that his mother, June, and up marrying his father, Max Bachelor, especially considering that she was living in a neighboring county.

"I don't know how he got down to Wolcottville," Bachelor said. "They were both on a double date one night, but not with each other. Later on, he came back and asked her for a date." The couple were married for 62 years, helping to keep the Bachelor family farm going into its fifth generation.

June Bachelor died Jan. 7 after an illness. Her son, Stephen, and grandson, Cory Bachelor, said her work helped to keep the farm going. June, they said, handled much of the paper work associated with running the farm.

"She was so good at it," Stephen said. "We all worked together to make it."

Cory said his grandmother was vital in keeping the farm running.

"She was critical," Cory said. "Grandma kind of kept it all together. She was the organized one." Judy's other primary role was to take care of the farm's calves. In doing so, she developed a keen sense of what cows the farm had. "She could tell you the pedigree on any cow back four or five generations," Cory said. "She was as sharp as a tack. She'll really be missed."

Cory and his brother, Curtis, also remembered their grandmother's other role, helping to keep them going with breakfast after early-morning chores.

"She would always make all of us breakfast," Curtis said. "And she would make us clean our plates. She used to make us eat grapefruit every morning, which I hated." But he also remembered some easier days. "Every summer she would take us over to the cottage on Lake James. We'd walk down and get donuts."

"She always made us a healthy breakfast," Cory said, indicating that he, too, was not a real fan of the grapefruit policy. "She would always take us lemonade while we bailed hay. And we always went to Grandma if we got cut or hurt something."

June's food-related efforts didn't stop with breakfast, Stephen said. "She was very good with cakes and pies," he said. "And her sugar cookies were awfully good, I know that. She'd make dinner all the time, very seldom did they ever go out in the old days." June would also take in clothing to sew, Stephen said, and had a few other hobbies. "She liked to do crafts. She especially liked making costume jewelry."

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 25, 2009, Sunday

Patricia Sturgill

CLAY CITY, Ky. — Patricia Ann "Patty" Sturgill, 69, of Hindman, Ky., died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, in the home of her daughter in Clay City, Ky.

Mrs. Sturgill had lived in LaPorte for 22 years prior to moving to Kentucky. She was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 20, 1939, in Dwarf, Ky., to Woots and Nannie (Gayheart) Terry. She married Chester Sturgill on July 3, 1954, in Knott County, Ky. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Kitty Sturgill and her companion, Johnny Goodwin of Clay City, Ky.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phillip and Brenda Sturgill of Hindman, Ky., and Dennis Sturgill and his companion, Cheryl of Campbellsville, Ky.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Almetta and Austin Slone of Wolcottville, Shirley and Roy Dobson of Brimfield, and Bonnie Jean Ritchie of London, Ky.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Henderson "Henny" and Darlene Terry of Brimfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Brenda Sturgill; and a brother, Silas Terry.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday, from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Irvin Lockhart

ANGOLA — Irvin W. Lockhart, 82, of Angola and formerly of Waterloo, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabitation in Angola.

Mr. Lockhart was born April 12, 1926, in Pleasant Lake, to Carl and Nina (Bair) Lockhart. They both preceded him in death. He married Mary Bolinger in 1954, and she died in 1984.

He worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for over 31 years, retiring in 1975. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during WWII.

He was a member of the Waterloo V.F.W., Butler American Legion, and Auburn Moose Lodge.

He is survived by one sister, Wilma Robinett of Hamilton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Roberta Summerlot.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with Pastor Donna Holcomb officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Butler American Legion.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice in Angola.

Roger Hamilton

FORT WAYNE — Roger Dean Hamilton, 55, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hamilton

He was born in Anamosa, Iowa, to William and Barbara Hamilton. Both survive in West Lafayette. He was married to Cathrine Hamilton of St. Joe. She survives.

He graduated from Harrison High School in 1972 and Purdue University in 1977. He worked as an application specialist with Nucor Fastner for nine years. He was a member of the American Society for Testing and Materials.

He is also survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Leah Hamilton of St. Joe, Ted and Lynn Hamilton of Loves Park, Ill.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Marilyn Hamilton of Abington, Pa., Phylis and Jim Heath of West Lafayette, and Dale Lynn and Pierre Verger of Ashland, Ore.; and two grandchildren.

There is no service.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb Funeral Home in Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

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Lester Bond

LAGRANGE — Lester C. Bond Sr., 77, of LaGrange died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at the VA Hospital in Indianapolis.

Living his lifetime in LaGrange County, he retired in 1995 from Coachmen Industries in Middlebury where he had worked since 1967. He was a United States Army veteran serving during the Korean War. He was a member of the Gateway River of Life Church in Sturgis, Mich., and LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Mr. Bond was born on March 10, 1931, in LaGrange County to Peter Ovid and Mary (Harp) Bond.

On Oct. 5, 1955, he married Ruby J. High in Coldwater, Mich.; Mrs. Bond survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Kenneth Stringfellow of Wawaka; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Lester and Lorrie Bond Jr. of Howe, James and Deanna Bond of Sturgis, and Robert Bond and Frank and Patricia Sciluffo, all of Wonder Lake, Ill.; sixteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Ovid and Virginia Bond of LaGrange; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two sons, Rickie and Richard Bond; a sister, Sharon Lewis; and a brother, Robert Bond.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Douglas Carr officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with a military graveside service.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the American Kidney Fund.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 25, 2009, Sunday

Dorothy Marley

AUBURN — Dorothy Lee Marley, 68, of Auburn, died Friday Jan. 23, 2009, in her home.

Mrs. Marley

Mrs. Marley was born on April 26, 1940, in Richmond, to Kenneth and Jennie Lucille (Newman) Shaffer. They both preceded her in death.

Early in her life, starting at the age of 16, she worked five years for the Palladium Item newspaper in Richmond. She then worked for the Johnson County Daily Journal newspaper in Franklin for 3 years.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1963 and a master's degree in 1973.

She worked as an Extension Agent for Purdue University for 31 years serving Marion, Rush and DeKalb Counties.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, the Nurfuruns Women's Club, member and past president of the United Methodist Women's Unit of the First United Methodist Church, member and past president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, member of the Indiana Home Economics Association and also served as State Treasurer, member of the Indiana Extension Agents Association, member of the Indiana Extension Home Economics Association, member of the National Association of Home Economics, and a member of the Epsilon Sigma Phi Fraternity.

After her love of family, she enjoyed reading, travel, serving and teaching others. She was also involved in the 4-H program from age 10, eventually helping grandchildren with 4-H projects.

She married Don Cranor in 1961, and he passed away in 1983. She then married Albert Marley on April 2, 1988, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Cindy and James Houck of Encinitas, Calif., and Becky Cranor of San Diego, Calif.; one son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Jan Cranor of Williamsburg; two stepdaughters and one spouse, Judy and Bill Jordan of Greenfield, and Brenda McCoy of Kokomo; three stepsons and spouses, Ralph and Joyce Marley of Russiaville, Robert and Julie Marley of Seymour, and Jon and Julie Marley of Russiaville; one brother, Duane Shaffer of Mooresville; one sister and brother-in-law, Julie and Ron McNew of Richmond; 21 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 12 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, Auburn. The Rev. Dale Williams and Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Gosport Cemetery, Gosport, Ind., at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Mon. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS SUN
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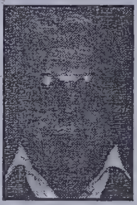
January 26, 2009, Monday

Virgil Lombard

ANGOLA — Virgil R. Lombard, 87, of Angola, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009.

Born in Plumwood, Ohio, to the late Howard B. and Ella (Lowe) Lombard, he was a member of the 1940 North Side High School State Champion football team, later playing for the St. Joe Athletic Football Club team, as well as serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II.


Mr. Lombard

Living most of his life in Fort Wayne, he was a millwright at Dana Corporation for 40 years, retiring in 1985. After retirement, he moved to Crooked Lake in Angola.

He was a member of the local Elks, Moose, American Legion Post 47 and Masons.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Bonnie; and his children, Scott (Maripat) Lombard of Roanoke, and Susan Lint of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Adam (Julie) Lombard, Brad Lombard, Matt Lombard, Ashley Ford, Andrew Ford and Matthew Lint, all of Fort Wayne; three great grandchildren, Max and Luke Lombard and Cameron Ford; and numerous nieces and nephews, including Lynn Newnam of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Richard and Robert; and sisters, Ruth, Helen (Clovis) Grimes and Dorothy; and brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Donna Lester.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 North Wells St., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services.

Calling will also be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Emma Combs

WOLCOTTVILLE — Emma J. Combs, 71, formerly of Wolcottville, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at the North Ridge Village in Albion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Wilma Day

HAMILTON — Wilma Mae Day, 93, of Hamilton died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Graveside services at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hamilton Cemetery with pastor Rick Pettys officiating. There will be no calling.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to oberlin-ford.com.

Donna Cartwright

LAOTTO — Donna M. Cartwright, 83, formerly of LaOtto, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at Hickory Creek Nursing Center in Kendallville.

Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with pastors Tim Grable and Chris Mosley officiating.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sheetsandchilds.net.

Rose Graham

BUTLER — Rose Graham, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

There are no services or calling scheduled.

H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

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Emma Combs

WOLCOTTVILLE — Emma J. Combs, 71, of Wolcottville died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mrs. Combs was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Combs

She was born in West Virginia on Aug. 2, 1937, to Carl and Osie (Duty) Mahon. She married John Combs on Oct. 11, 1991, at the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville. He survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are five daughters, Brenda Bolen and Randy Balser of Albion, Pricey and Mark Feipel of Rome City, Tammy Combs of Wolcottville, Beverly and Glen McHenry of Auburn and Virginia Deskins of West Virginia; two sons, John Paul May of Hudson and Freddie and Irene Deskins of Kermit, Ky.; 19 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; four brothers, John Mahon, Larry Mahon, Dave Mahon and Michael Mahon; and a sister, Nancy Steel.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Norma Neeley

SHIPSHEWANA — Norma Jean Neeley, 72, of Shipshewana died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Eden Worship Center in Topeka. Private burial will take place in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Memorials are to Eden Worship Center.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfunerahome.com.

Calling will be from 2-10 p.m. today at the church, with a service at 7 p.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Former Police Chief 'Benny' Wilondek dies at age 87

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville Police Chief Bernard "Benny" Wilondek, 87, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at Chandler House, rural Kendallville.

Wilondek served on the Kendallville Police Department from 1950-1975, and was appointed as police chief in 1972 by then-Mayor John Riemke.

Wilondek

He was a Democratic candidate for mayor in 1991, but lost in the May primary to Thomas Alberts.

"He was one of the old guard," said former Kendallville police officer Michael Newton, who retired from the police department in 2003 and is now the director of the Noble County Emergency Management Agency. Newton joined the Kendallville Police Department in 1968.

"Ben was one of those small-town officers during those times when officers were more personal with people," he said this morning when told about Wilondek's passing. "He made people feel important who came into City Hall and they didn't have to be in trouble."

Newton called Wilondek one of his role models in the police department. "I watched him and Dean (Calkins) and how they treated people. Young police officers looked up to them, and how they were good to people."

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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January 27, 2009, Tuesday

Donna Cartwright

LAOTTO — Donna M. Cartwright, age 83, a resident since 2007 of the Hickory Creek Nursing Center in Kendallville, Indiana, died there Saturday, January 24, 2009, following an extended illness.

She was a former longtime resident and business professional in LaOtto, Indiana.

Donna was born April 13, 1925, in Huntertown, Indiana, a daughter of the late Thomas E. and Elnora Mae (Vermillian) Buchanan. She was united in marriage on April 20, 1943, to Robert D. Cartwright, who passed away on February 25, 2000.

Donna was a bookkeeper for 27 faithful years for the Cartwright Service Station in LaOtto and served as a precinct committee woman for the Noble County Republican Party.

She loved to bowl, travel and cook.

She was a member of the Sugar Grove Church of God.

Her survivors include three children, Terry and Marsha Cartwright of LaOtto, Indiana, Jacque and Jesse Hand of Garrett, Indiana, and Richard L. and Barbara Cartwright of Albion, Indiana. She also has eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Charles Forrest "Todd" Buchanan, Katherine L. "Jabe" Lomont, Gerald Dwight "Histy" Buchanan, Mary Rose "Dit" Connell, James L. "Dud" Buchanan, Betty Jean Buchanan, Violet Fern "Boots" Loew and Norma Jean Byerly West; and a grandson, Daniel Smith Cartwright.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Indiana, with Pastors Tim Grable and Chris Mosley officiating. Burial will follow in the Swan Cemetery north of LaOtto in rural Noble County, Indiana.

The family will receive friends in the funeral home today from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. and one hour prior to service time on Wednesday.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Sugar Grove Church of God Building Fund, LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department or Hickory Creek Nursing Center Activity Fund. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home.

You are invited to leave a condolence for the family and may do so by going to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Randy Byal

TIPTON — Randy A. Byal, 62, of Tipton died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at 11:30 p.m. at his residence.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Young-Nichols Funeral Home in Tipton. Burial was to follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Wilma Day

HAMILTON — Wilma Mae Day, 93, of Hamilton died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn where she had been a resident the past four years.

Mrs. Day

Mrs. Day was a homemaker.

She was a member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church.

She was born on March 27, 1915, in Edon, Ohio, to Ernest and Clara (Young) Schmitt. She married Gerald Day in 1948, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 2004.

Surviving are two nieces and their husbands, Sandra and James Calvin of Wabash and Roxanna and Ron Burch of Hamilton; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Ilene Shrider and Betty Flanagan.

Graveside services were today at Hamilton Cemetery with Pastor Rick Pettys officiating.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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Roger Karr

INDIAN RIVER, Mich. — Roger "Rog" B. Karr, 65 passed away Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at the home of his daughter Traci Hall in Powersite, Mo., after a brief fight with cancer.

Mr. Karr

Rog was born in Garrett, Indiana, June 30, 1943, to the late Harry and Georgia (Bennett) Karr. He spent his childhood living at Lake Gage and worked at the Lake Gage Marina during his teenage years.

He graduated from Angola High School class of 1961 and joined the Navy, serving on the USS Bushnell stationed in the Florida Keys.

Rog worked over 21 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne. He also worked several years as a driver for Coachman Motor Homes in Middlebury and Enterprise in Angola.

He had been an active member of the American Legion, the Eagles and the Moose for several years. He enjoyed traveling across the United States and loved spending time in Northern Michigan snowmobiling and morel hunting with friends.

Surviving are his daughter, Traci Hall and her husband, Mike Hall, of Powersite, Missouri; his sister, Karen Hershey of Saginaw, Michigan; grandchildren, Ashley Dukes of Branson, Mo., and Justin Hall of Chicago, Ill.; two great-granddaughters, Madison and Nora, also of Branson; two nephews, Mark Nodine of Angola and Matthew Nodine of Pleasant Lake; and many lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his nephew, Michael D. Nodine.

Rog made an anatomical gift to the Medical Education & Research Institute Genesis Donor Program.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Bernard Wilondek

KENDALLVILLE — Bernard J. "Benny" Wilondek, 87, of Kendallville, a former Kendallville police chief, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at Chandler House, rural Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Richard Saggars

LIGONIER — Richard C. Saggars, 84, of Ligonier died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at 10:45 p.m. at Northridge Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Helen Munger

FREMONT — Helen C. Munger, 95, of Snow Lake near Fremont died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Kingston at Dupont in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Munger

Mrs. Munger was a homemaker. She was an accomplished musician and had played professionally.

She was a graduate of Orland High School.

She was born Sept. 4, 1913, in Orland to Carl and Bessie (Berry) Keeslar. She married Wendell R. "Pat" Munger on Jan. 3, 1932, in Orland. He died June 12, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Ionni of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Murray and Judi Munger of Fremont; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra L. Williams; a sister, Eleanor Green; and three brothers, Don, George and Ray Keeslar.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lake George Lutheran Chapel, 1540 W. C.R. 800N, Fremont, with Pastor Stan Temme officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland at a later date.

Beam Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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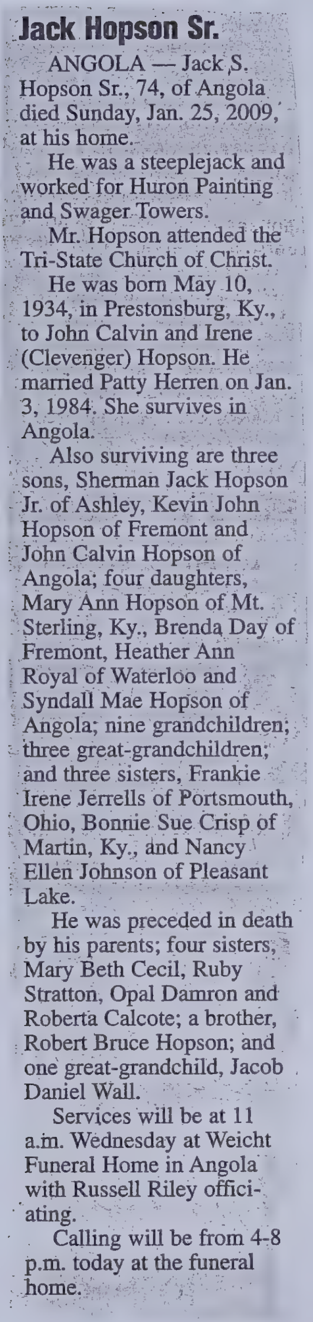


Jack Hopson Sr.

ANGOLA — Jack S. Hopson Sr., 74, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at his home.

He was a steeplejack and worked for Huron Painting and Swager Towers.

Mr. Hopson attended the Tri-State Church of Christ.

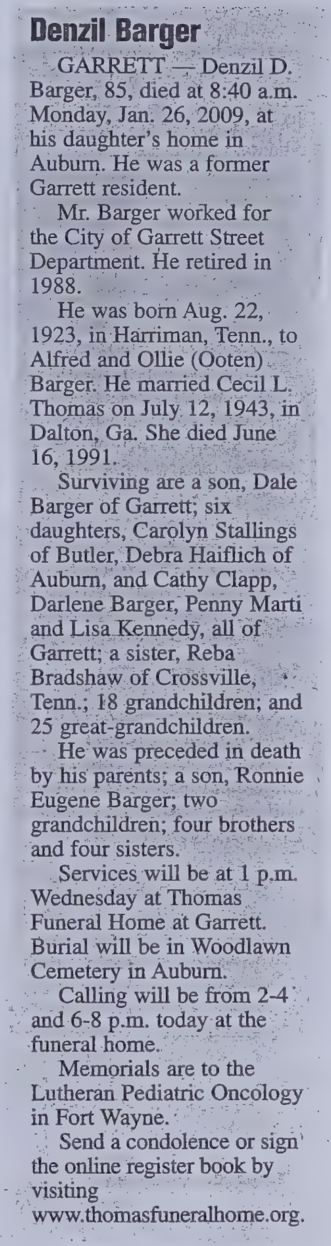
He was born May 10, 1934, in Prestonsburg, Ky., to John Calvin and Irene (Clevenger) Hopson. He married Patty Herren on Jan. 3, 1984. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Sherman Jack Hopson Jr. of Ashley, Kevin John Hopson of Fremont and John Calvin Hopson of Angola; four daughters, Mary Ann Hopson of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Brenda Day of Fremont, Heather Ann Royal of Waterloo and Syndall Mae Hopson of Angola; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Frankie Irene Jerrells of Portsmouth, Ohio, Bonnie Sue Crisp of Martin, Ky., and Nancy Ellen Johnson of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Mary Beth Cecil, Ruby Stratton, Opal Damron and Roberta Calcote; a brother, Robert Bruce Hopson; and one great-grandchild, Jacob Daniel Wall.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Russell Riley officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.



Denzil Barger

GARRETT — Denzil D. Barger, 85, died at 8:40 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at his daughter's home in Auburn. He was a former Garrett resident.

Mr. Barger worked for the City of Garrett Street Department. He retired in 1988.

He was born Aug. 22, 1923, in Harriman, Tenn., to Alfred and Ollie (Ooten) Barger. He married Cecil L. Thomas on July 12, 1943, in Dalton, Ga. She died June 16, 1991.

Surviving are a son, Dale Barger of Garrett; six daughters, Carolyn Stallings of Butler, Debra Haiflich of Auburn, and Cathy Clapp, Darlene Barger, Penny Marti and Lisa Kennedy, all of Garrett; a sister, Reba Bradshaw of Crossville, Tenn.; 18 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronnie Eugene Barger; two grandchildren; four brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Pediatric Oncology in Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Patricia Sturgill

CLAY CITY, Ky. — Patricia Ann "Patty" Sturgill, 69, of Hindman, Ky., died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, in the home of her daughter in Clay City, Ky.

Mrs. Sturgill

Mrs. Sturgill had lived in LaPorte for 22 years prior to moving to Kentucky. She was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 20, 1939, in Dwarf, Ky., to Woots and Nannie (Gayheart) Terry. She married Chester Sturgill on July 3, 1955, in Knott County, Ky. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Kitty Sturgill and her companion, Johnny Goodwin, of Clay City, Ky.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phillip and Brenda Sturgill of Hindman, Ky., and Dennis Sturgill and his companion, Cheryl, of Campbellsville, Ky.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Elmetta and Austin Slone of Wolcottville, Shirley and Roy Dobson of Brimfield and Bonnie Jean Ritchie of London, Ky.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Henderson "Henny" and Darlene Terry of Brimfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Brenda Sturgill; and a brother, Silas Terry.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Laura Cline

MANCHESTER, Conn. — Laura J. Cline, 83, of Manchester, Conn., died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Manchester Memorial Hospital, Manchester.

Private family services are planned, with burial in Butler Cemetery, Butler, Ind.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Hellenberg

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Hellenberg, 101, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Mary Maxwell

GARRETT — Mary E. Maxwell, 86, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

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Richard Saggars

LIGONIER — Richard C. Saggars, 84, of Ligonier, Ind., died at 10:45 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2009, at Northridge Village Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

Mr. Saggars

Mr. Saggars was a lifetime area resident and had been a local farmer for more than 70 years.

He was a graduate of Topeka High School where he was valedictorian and president of his class.

He was born February 12, 1924, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Jacob and Madge (Rowe) Saggars. He married Elizabeth E. Rensberger on September 7, 1946.

Surviving are his wife Elizabeth Saggars of Ligonier, Ind.; three children and their spouses, Janet and Robert Viars of Brownsburg, Ind., Linda Davis of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Tom and Ann Saggars of Angola, Ind.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Matthew and Stacey Viars of Fishers, Ind., Lauren and Roland Isaacs of Anderson, Ind., Brad and Liz Davis of Fort Collins, Colo., Kara and Brent Baumann of Indianapolis, Ind., Ryan and Kari Davis of Denver, Colo., Andrew Saggars of Angola, Ind. and Nicholas Saggars of Angola, Ind.; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, January 30, 2009, at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Brad Cox officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the American Diabetes Association or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Dale Fischer

AVILLA — Dale Fischer, 84, of Avilla died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Bobby Howard

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. — Bobby Gene Howard, 69, of North Fort Myers and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be from 1-4 p.m. Feb. 7 at Freedom of Worship Church of God, 1603 W. Quincy St. in Altona.

Memorials are to the family in care of Sharon Rowlett.

Laura Cline

BUTLER — Laura J. Cline, 83, of Manchester, Conn., died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Cline was a dietitian and had worked at hospitals in Chicago, Maine and Connecticut.

She was a graduate of Purdue University.

She was born in Butler on July 12, 1925, to George and Doris (McCollough) Cline.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Pat Cline of Butler, and two nephews.

Private family services will be held with burial in the Butler Cemetery.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

James Biddle

ZIONSVILLE — James H. Biddle, 73, of Zionsville, formerly of Ligonier, died unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday before services at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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Rev. A. Leon Smith

NORTH MANCHESTER — Rev. A. Leon Smith, 92, of North Manchester, Indiana, died Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 8:50 p.m. at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

Rev. Smith

Rev. Smith was born in Madison County, Indiana, to Virgil and Minerva (Edgel) Smith on December 3, 1916. He married Deloris Irene Bolinger on August 31, 1940, in Elwood, Indiana. She died September 5, 1997.

He graduated from Elwood High School in 1935. He joined the Marine Corps and served in World War II. While assigned aboard the USS Nevada with the Marine Detachment, he was involved in the search for Amelia Earhart. After retiring from the Marines in 1961, he graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., in 1964.

He was employed at Presbyterian Housing in Greenwood, Indiana. He then went to Hopewell Church in Franklin, Indiana, and then was the pastor at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, Indiana.

After retiring from the ministry he filled in at other area churches as needed.

He was a member of the Retired Officers Association, the Masonic Lodge, Knights Templar, Ancient Scottish Rite, York Rite, Sojourner, and the Heroes of 76.

Surviving are one son, Charles E. Smith of Orland, Indiana; four granddaughters, Michele (Michael) Garrison of Orland, Melissa Smith of Charlotte, North Carolina, Mareen (Shane) Barton of Wolcottville, Indiana, and Mona (Steve) Doyle of Mooresville, North Carolina; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents; his wife, Deloris; and two brothers, Hanzel and Edward.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, February 21, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Peabody Chapel in North Manchester. Burial will be at a later date.

Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel of North Manchester is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to be sent to the Peabody Caring Circle.

The memorial guest book for Leon may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Helen Hellenberg

KENDALLVILLE — Helen E. Hellenberg, 101, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hellenberg

Mrs. Hellenberg was a telegraph operator for Western Union in Mishawaka and Elkhart. She also transcribed lessons on her Braille typewriter for the blind. She and her husband moved to Kendallville in 1990.

She graduated from Goshen High School and Valparaiso University.

She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and a former member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Mishawaka and other church organizations.

She also was a former member of the Mishawaka Exchange Club Auxiliary and the Indiana Dental Society Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hellenberg was born in Goshen on Aug. 14, 1907, to Alva C. and Grace (Ulrey) Kindle. She married Arthur W. Hellenberg, DDS, on March 5, 1933, in Mishawaka and he preceded her death Aug. 23, 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jim Peterson of Kendallville; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola, Ind.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Salvation Army.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Cdr. Norman Gearhart

CAMARILLO. Calif. — Cdr. Norman R. Gearhart, U.S.N. (ret.), passed away Jan. 3, 2009, at a private residential care home in Camarillo, Calif., after a long illness. He was 79.

Cdr. Gearhart

Mr. Gearhart

Norm was born on Oct. 3, 1929, in Auburn, Ind., and was the eldest of three children. He graduated with a B.S. in nautical science from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. Norm joined the Navy in 1947 and traveled the world by sea and air throughout his 30-year career. His love for and skill in photography enabled him to fly photo recon during the Korean War. A pilot and leader for most of his naval career, Norm was awarded the following: the Bronze Star; Air Medal; Navy Commendation Medal; Korean Presidential Unit Citation; Korean Service Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal; and the Chinese Navy's Hai Feng Medal. His last assignment was at Naval Air Station Point Mugu, Calif., where he served as the base executive officer and retired in 1977.

After retirement, Norm and his wife, Merrion, started a company called Reminiscence. They designed, manufactured and marketed miniature furniture, a very popular collector hobby in the '80s. This allowed Norm to continue to use his photography skills, traveling the U.S. for trade shows and Taiwan for the manufacturing. They retired the business in 1988.

The following years were spent with great joy as a grandfather (over and over), on his boat fishing, pursuing photography, playing with his computer, collecting every new gadget, and orchestrating wonderful annual family reunions.

Norm's character reflected his Lord, whom he now sees face-to-face.

He is survived by his wife, Merrion; daughters, Michelle (Jim) Reeves, Denise (Dan) Rohrer, Stacy (Brian) Phelps, Dana (Marc) Goodman,; and son Steve (Joanie Serena) Gole. He is further survived by grandchildren, Travis Albee (Rohrer), Brittany, Haley and Carly Rohrer; Lane and Kyle Goodman; Ian, Jordan, Connor and Cole Phelps; Alex Serena, Camryn Serena and Lea Beth Gole; great-granddaughter, Cadence Phelps; and sister, Lou Ann Gearhart. In addition, extended family include the Flowers family — Tom Jr., Carole, Tom III, Serena (Williams), Tamara, Bob and Tom IV; Gearhart family — Darla, Jed and Bret, Rick Gulick and Debi Knowles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Marion Gearhart; brother, Ronald Gearhart; granddaughter, Blair Goodman; and nephews, Eric and Blake Gearhart.

Funeral services were Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at the Chapel of the Hills, Conejo Mountain Funeral Home, Camarillo. Burial with full military rites were also in Camarillo.

Memoiral donations are to the Alzheimer's Association at 1339 Del Norte Road, Camarillo, CA 93010, or Livingston Hospice at 1996 Eastman Ave., Suite 101, Ventura, CA 93003.

His song may have ended but his melody will linger on.

Assisting the family with funeral arrangements is Conejo Mountain Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 2052 Howard Road, Camarillo. (805) 482-1959.

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Bernard Wilondek

KENDALLVILLE — Beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Bernard J. "Benny" Wilondek, age 87, left this earth on Monday, January 26, 2009, and stepped over into glory.

Mr. Wilondek

His family invites you to celebrate his life at a visitation for family and friends on Thursday, January 29, 2009, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

A Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m.

A Celebration Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville on Friday, January 30, 2009, at 10 a.m. with Fr. Lourdino Fernandes and Fr. Jacob Gall officiating the Mass. Members of the Kendallville Police Department Honor Guard will escort the casket.

Interment will be at Lake View Cemetery immediately following the funeral with the Kendallville V.F.W. Post 2749 presenting military honors at the graveside.

Benny is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Virginia "Ginny" (Ley) Wilondek, five children, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His family was the great joy of his life.

His children and their spouses are Brenda and Mike Coffey, Mike and Carole Wilondek, Gail and Dick Graham, Pat and Rick Brown, and Sally and Kevin Thomas. An infant son, Timothy, preceded his death.

His grandchildren are Mary Coffey, Angela Coffey Paquin, Andy Coffey, Geoff Coffey, Cindy Wilondek, Eric and Megan Schultz, Brad and Ryan Graham, Nichole and Katie Carmichael, and Jessica and Melissa Thomas. They will always remember their grandpa as a positive force in their lives and for his candy cupboard.

Many of you may remember Benny as a former Chief of Police in Kendallville where he served on the police force from 1955-1975. He ended his career as Police Chief from 1972-1975. He was also fondly known as the crosswalk guard at Kendallville Elementary School.

In his later years, Benny worked for Campbell & Fetter Bank, Fischer's Drug Store, Coachmen Motor Homes, and Shepherd's Automotive.

Benny was also a strong man of faith and proudly served his church during Sunday and daily Mass. While he will be sadly missed, we rejoice that he is healthy, happy and enjoying his reward in heaven.

Preferred memorials may be made to Masses in lieu of flowers.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Hollis

FREMONT — Kenneth L. Hollis, 76, of Fremont and formerly of Garrett died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Hollis

Mr. Hollis had retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

He was a graduate of Garrett High School.

Mr. Hollis was a life member of Orland American Legion Post 423 and its color guard. He was a charter member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge. He was also a member of Picady Hunt Club in Old Town, Md.

He was born May 11, 1932, in Garrett to Leo Francis and Agnes M. (May) Hollis. He married Gertrude Edna GlusenKamp on April 28, 1973, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Sayoka Hollis of Dayton, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Kay and Don Nymberg of Virginia Beach, Va.; two nieces; and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland with military rites by members of Orland American Legion Post 423.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Orland American Legion Post 423.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Ellis Adams, 62

ALBION – Ellis Adams, 62, of Albion, Indiana, died on 1/20/2009 at 1:18 pm at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City, Indiana. He was born on March 3, 1946 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Ellis was born to Hargos and Carrie (Whitaker) Adams. He lived most of his life in Silver Lake, Indiana. He was a factory worker and also attended Merriam Wesleyan Church, Merriam, Indiana.

Ellis loved to sing, joke, tell stories and make people laugh. He was a good hearted man and loved to help people.

He is survived by: two daughters, Lisa Avery, and Carrie McGuire, both of Albion, Indiana; two sons: Ellis Kelly Adams, Piereton, Indiana and Shane DeVon Adams, Churubusco, Indiana; four sisters: Helen (Bill) Reynolds, Plymouth, Indiana, Oma Jean (Tom) Hall, Silver Lake, Indiana, Opal (Henry Jr.) Arnett, Silver Lake, Indiana and Mary (Bill) Wadkins, Silver Lake, Indiana; one brother: Merl Adams, Burket, Indiana; twelve grandchildren and one great - grandchild.

Ellis is preceded in death by his parents, one sister and five brothers.

Services were held at Water of Life Church, Silver Lake, Indiana Burial was at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Indiana.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana was in charge of arrangements.

Julie Bryant, 39

KENDALLVILLE — Julie Ann Bryant, age 39, of Kendallville and most recently of Fort Wayne died on Sunday, January 18, 2009, near Dallas, Texas.

Ms. Bryant was born in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on January 21, 1969, to John A. and Bette L. (Coplin) Bryant.

She graduated from Wawasee High School in 1987.

She was an owner/operator and semi truck driver for the last 18 years.

Julie enjoyed collecting coins and loved being around children. She was a Chicago Bears fan.

Survivors include her mother and father, Bette and John Bryant of Fort Wayne; brother, William and Tori Bryant of Ashley; sister, Tonya and Tom Keith of Wabash; two nieces and a nephew, Katie and Jessika Chaffins and Druid Chaffins; and a grandmother, Eileen Coplin of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, William and Annetta Bryant, and a grandfather, Carl Coplin.

Funeral services took place January 24, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home.

Pastor Gary Lovens officiated.

Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

EMMA J. COMBS, 71

WOLCOTTVILLE – Emma J. Combs, age 71, of Wolcottville died on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center, Albion.

She was born in West Virginia on August 2, 1937 to Carl and Osie (Duty) Mahon.

She married John Combs on October 11, 1991 at the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Combs was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville where she loved to attend services.

Mrs. Combs also loved to crochet, spend time with family, cook and take care of her plants.

Survivors include: her husband, John Combs of Wolcottville; five daughters, Brenda Bolen (Randy Balser) of Albion, Pricey (Mark) Feipel of Rome City, Tammy Combs of Wolcottville, Beverly (Glen) McHenry of Auburn, Virginia Deskins of West Virginia; two sons, John Paul May of Hudson, Freddie (Irene) Deskins of Kermit, Kentucky; nineteen grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; four brothers, John Mahon, Larry Mahon, Dave Mahon, Michael Mahon and one sister, Nancy Steel.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

Funeral Services were at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Clarence Combs.

Burial was at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Wilbur Ernsberger, 81

KENDALLVILLE — Wilbur H. Ernsberger, 81, died Monday, January 19, 2009, in St. Joe Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ernsberger was a farmer, and worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for over 30 years.

His favorite way to spend time was with his family. He was well known for his quick wit and one-liners.

He was born in LaGrange County on September 5, 1927, to Theodore W. and Eva G. (Hart) Ernsberger. He married Treva J. (Emerick) Ernsberger in Kendallville on September 3, 1954.

Surviving with Treva, his wife of 54 years, are a daughter and son-in law, Sherrie and Richard Dalrymple of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kerry and Tena Ernsberger of Avilla, Roy and Lori Ernsberger of Kendallville, and Ray and Lilian Ernsberger of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Carol Ernsberger of Kendallville; many grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Wava Schindler and Dorothy Windle; and a son, Greg A. Ernsberger.

Funeral services took place January 22, 2009 at Young Family Funeral Home. Brian Walter of the South Milford Church of Christ officiated. Burial took place in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Martin A. Simmons, 50

ALBION — Martin A. "Marty" Simmons, 50, of Albion, died at 11:03 a.m. Monday, January 26, 2009 at his home.

He was born June 23, 1958 in Brazil, Indiana a son of Wally E. and Martha L. (Hayden) Simmons. As an infant, his family moved to Washington Township, Whitley County. He completed his education at Columbia City Joint High School.

On April 22, 1978 he was united in marriage to Edith Lancaster. They made their home in Kentucky and Arkansas before moving to the Columbia City area in 1979. For the past six years they have made their home in the Albion area.

He was a heavy equipment operator and trucker with over 30 years at Simmons Equipment.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Edith; four children, Laura Riemersma of Columbia City, Jason (Hollie) Simmons of Franklin, KY, Nikki (Kenneth) Parke and Chantry Simmons, both of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; his parents, Wally and Martha Simmons of Columbia City; and six sisters, Melanie Sandman of Fort Wayne, Kathryn Simmons of Indianapolis, Cynthia Hall of Uniondale, Tami Maslyk of Carmel, Pamela Henthorn of Trafalgar and Lori Bielko of Columbia City.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 30, 2009 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Pastor D.E. Keller officiating. The burial will be in Nolt Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directly to the final expense account at Smith & Sons Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Manford Ober Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Manford J. "Jerry" Ober Jr., 80, of Kendallville died Monday, January 19, 2009, at 11:42 p.m. in St. Joe Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ober was a retired farmer, and a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and did so on a daily basis.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, and will be missed very much by his family.

He was born January 23, 1928, in Garrett, Indiana, to Manford and Valera "Belle" (Lung) Ober. On June 3, 1949, in Columbia City he married Margaret Marker.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Ober of Kendallville; a son, Michael Ober of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Tara Wolf of Kendallville, Amy Wenning of Rome City, Nicole Ober of Fort Wayne, Jessica Ober of Denver, Colorado, and Jeremy Ober of Angola; seven great-grandchildren, Amber Goodwin, Ashley Goodwin, Brandon Wolf, Kayla Wenning, Dequan Ober, Janyah Ober and Thomas Michael Healy; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and John Wittkamper of Knightstown, Indiana; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert Ober, Harold Lee and Roberta Ober, and Larry and Judy Ober, all of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dennis Ober.

Funeral services were held January 24, 2009 at Young Family Funeral Home. Pastor Sam Weimer and Pastor Orlo Hibbs officiated. Burial took place in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Casketbearers were Tim Slone, Steven Rummel, Steven Scheurich, Jimmie Williams, Jeremy Robertson and Doug Jones.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Patricia Ann Sturgill, 69

CLAY CITY, Ky. — Patricia Ann "Patty" Sturgill, 69, of Hindman, Ky., died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, in the home of her daughter in Clay City, Ky.

Mrs. Sturgill had lived in LaPorte for 22 years prior to moving to Kentucky. She was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 20, 1939, in Dwarf, Ky., to Woots and Nannie (Gayheart) Terry. She married Chester Sturgill on July 3, 1955, in Knott County, Ky. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Kitty Sturgill and her companion, Johnny Goodwin, of Clay City, Ky.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phillip and Brenda Sturgill of Hindman, Ky., and Dennis Sturgill and his companion, Cheryl, of Campbellsville, Ky.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Elmetta and Austin Slone of Wolcottville, Shirley and Roy Dobson of Brimfield and Bonnie Jean Ritchie of London, Ky.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Henderson "Henny" and Darlene Terry of Brimfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Brenda Sturgill; and a brother, Silas Terry.

Funeral services will be January 29, 2009 at 1 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donna M. Cartwright, 83

LAOTTO — Donna M. Cartwright, age 83, a resident since 2007 of the Hickory Creek Nursing Center in Kendallville, Indiana, died there Saturday, January 24, 2009, following an extended illness.

She was a former longtime resident and business professional in LaOtto, Indiana.

Donna was born April 13, 1925, in Huntertown, Indiana, a daughter of the late Thomas E. and Elnora Mae (Vermillian) Buchanan. She was united in marriage on April 20, 1943, to Robert D. Cartwright, who passed away on February 25, 2000.

Donna was a bookkeeper for 27 faithful years for the Cartwright Service Station in LaOtto and served as a precinct committee woman for the Noble County Republican Party.

She loved to bowl, travel and cook.

She was a member of the Sugar Grove Church of God.

Her survivors include three children, Terry and Marsha Cartwright of LaOtto, Indiana, Jacque and Jesse Hand of Garrett, Indiana, and Richard L. and Barbara Cartwright of Albion, Indiana. She also has eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Charles Forrest "Todd" Buchanan, Katherine L. "Jabe" Lomont, Gerald Dwight "Histy" Buchanan, Mary Rose "Dit" Connell, James L. "Dud" Buchanan, Betty Jean Buchanan, Violet Fern "Boots" Loew and Norma Jean Byerly West; and a grandson, Daniel Smith Cartwright.

Funeral services were held January 27, 2009 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home. Pastors Tim Grable and Chris Mosley officiated. Burial took place in the Swan Cemetery north of LaOtto in rural Noble County, Indiana.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Sugar Grove Church of God Building Fund, LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department or Hickory Creek Nursing Center Activity Fund. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home.

You are invited to leave a condolence for the family and may do so by going to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Luella Oakley

LAGRANGE — Luella L. Oakley, 91, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Oakley

Mrs. Oakley had lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was the kitchen manager and a cook at Lakeland High School in LaGrange from 1965 to 1988.

She was a member of the LaGrange Church of Christ, a former member of the LaGrange County American Red Cross and War Mothers.

Mrs. Oakley was a former Cub Scout den mother.

She was born on July 28, 1917, in LaGrange County to Martin and Ola Mae (Hart) Danielson. On July 20, 1941, in Valentine, she married Johnson L. Oakley Sr. He preceded her in death on June 12, 1959.

Surviving are a daughter, Annie O. Green of LaGrange; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joe L. Jr. and Lois Oakley, Fred R. and Penny Oakley and William D. Oakley, all of LaGrange; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Everetts of Athens, Mich.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Billie Joe Oakley; a great-grandson, Ocean Oakley; and three sisters, Francis Lewis, Thelma Sivits and Flora Pfleiger.

Funeral services will at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Joe Hughes officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Church of Christ.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Nathaniel Stutzman

MIDDLEBURY — Nathaniel David Stutzman was stillborn to Curtis Eugene and Rita Janelle (Miller) Stutzman of rural Middlebury at 8:12 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at New Eden Care Center, Topeka.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Forks Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with burial in Miller-Glick-Stutzman Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Annabelle Ladd

AUBURN — Annabelle Ladd, age 86, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was born on June 22, 1922, in Wilmington Township.

Annabelle was a LPN, working for over 20 years at Sheehy and Meadowhaven Nursing Homes.

She married Worthy Ladd on October 31, 1942, in Waterloo. He preceded in death on November 5, 1985.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Carol Ladd and Ron and Janine Ladd, all of Butler; five grandchildren, Amy and Steve Upp, Jessica and Tim Evans, Matthew Ladd, Cassandra Ladd and Gabriel Ladd, all of Butler; four great-grandchildren, Alex Upp, Abigail Evans, Eason Roscoe and Dean Ladd.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Addie (Metcalf) Campbell; three brothers, Paul, Virgil and Roy Campbell; three sisters, Helen McKee, Dorothy Umbarger and Mary Ellen Hurraw.

Private family services will be held, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

H.E. Johnson Funeral Home in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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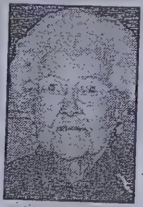
Hilda Reinoehl

ASHLEY — Hilda Mae (Smith) Reinoehl, 88, died Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She lived her entire life in DeKalb County, mostly in the Ashley/Hudson area.

She was a homemaker and devoted her life to God, her husband and family, neighbors and many friends. She loved the times when she could lend a hand to others, that was her life.


Mrs. Reinoehl

She was a wonderful cook and worked for a short time at the Green Parrot Restaurant in Waterloo with her sister, Pauline McBride.

She was an active member of the St. Johns United Church of Christ, Ashley, for 70 years. She was also a member of the Fairfield Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born May 20, 1920, at Souder Hospital in Auburn to Paul C. and Blanche (Lung) Smith.

She married Harold E. Reinoehl on Aug. 21, 1938, at the St. Johns United Church of Christ parsonage in Hudson and he survives.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Max and Sharon Reinoehl of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Richard Ditmars of Auburn; five grandchildren, Todd Reinoehl and friend Carla, Tammy and Steve Gilbert, Troy and Lara Reinoehl, Eric and Mary Ditmars and Kurt Ditmars; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Van Smith of Ashley, Wayne Smith of Springfield, Mo., and Gilbert and Barbara Smith of Fresno, Calif., and Jean Reinoehl of Ashley; four sisters and four brothers-in-law, Beth and Bill Hoskins of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Isabelle and Reuben Kravik of Mesa, Ariz., Janet Tracey of Battle Creek, Mich., Jeanne Knisely of Pleasant Lake, John Reinoehl of Angola and Burdette Parr of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Lloyd Smith and Richard Smith; and two sisters, Pauline McBride and Betty Cox.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. John Kabes will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Johns United Church of Christ, Ashley.

Rose Jones

AUBURN — Rose H. Jones, 98, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice, the Betz Nursing Home activity fund or D.A.R.T., the Heimach Center van service.

Beverly Shearer

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Beverly Jean Shearer, 53, of Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Stroh, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Stroh Church of Christ, Stroh, with burial in Wright Cemetery, Stroh.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation via www.HPBCF.org.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Donald Arnett Sr.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Donald Eugene Arnett Sr., 80, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, in Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Smith and Brown Funeral Home, North Main Street, Hicksville. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is after 10 a.m. until services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Alley Ministry, Hicksville, Ohio.

THE NEWS SUN
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James Biddle

ZIONSVILLE, Ind. — James H. Biddle, age 73, of Zionsville and formerly of Ligonier, died unexpectedly Sunday, January 25, 2009, at his home in Zionsville.

He was born August 8, 1935, at Lake Wawasee in Syracuse to Adrian and Louisa (nee King) Biddle, both deceased.

Mr. Biddle grew up in Ligonier, lived in Fort Wayne for 39 years, then in LaGrange County for 3 years, and after the death of his wife he moved to Zionsville in 2001.

He was a 1953 graduate of Ligonier High School.

On September 2, 1955, he married Karen S. Ulrey in South Bend. She passed away on May 21, 1999.

He was the store engineer for Super Valu, where he designed many stores. He retired in 1994.

Mr. Biddle enjoyed many things in his life. He had an interest in genealogy, woodworking, photography and the history of the Civil War.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Lou and Michael Gavin of Warsaw, and Amy Bennett of Zionsville; three grandchildren, Molly and Ben Gavin and Andy Bennett; a sister, Sandra den Hartog of Milford, and his mother-in-law, Mary C. Ulrey of Goshen.

Funeral services for Mr. Biddle will be Friday, January 30, 2009, at 3 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. The Rev. Jean Ness will officiate.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home before the service on Friday.

Burial following will be at Oak Park Cemetery.

Dale Fischer

AVILLA — Dale Francis Fischer, age 84, died at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at his home on his farm in Avilla.

He was born January 12, 1925, in DeKalb County, Indiana, to Linus and Ruby (nee Diehm) Fischer, both deceased.

Mr. Fischer

He was a lifetime area resident.

On May 6, 1946, he married Agatha "Johnny" Truelove at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives in Avilla.

Mr. Fischer was a self-employed lifetime Avilla farmer, a fertilizer dealer, and drove school bus for the East Noble School Corp.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Other survivors include his children, Carl (Susan) Fischer of Avilla, Monte Fischer of Sioux City, Iowa, Janice (Michael) Smith of Corunna, Gene (Diane) Fischer of Kendallville and Edward Fischer of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; sisters, Retha (James) Remke of Avilla and Carolyn Miller of Kendallville; brother, Francis (Susie) Fischer of Avilla; and a brother-in-law, Leo Teders of Avilla.

He is preceded in death by a son, Lee Fischer; a daughter, Fay Fischer; his parents; and three sisters, Rosellen Howe, Alberta Helmkamp and Lois Teders.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, January 31, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Father Wilson Corzo will officiate. Burial will follow at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla. Casketbearers will be Austin Fischer, Ty Smith, Matt Foster, Brian Taggert, Matt Sullivan and Lee Fischer.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. There will be a rosary service at 7 p.m. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will follow at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials may be made to Masses.

Kenneth Leitch Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth Leitch Jr., 83, a former resident of Green Township in Noble County and more recently of Fort Wayne, died at 9:07 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Leave online condolences at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Cecil David

BUTLER — Cecil E. David, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009. at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Mr. David worked for 22 years at Bohn Aluminum Corp in Butler retiring in 1981. He was a former member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born April 20, 1918 in Sturgis, Mich., to Zera and Emma (Kline) David. He married Mable Mann on Dec. 12, 1937 in Hamilton and she died on Feb. 6, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Santana Salinas of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Kris David of Auburn; six grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; 12 great-grandchildren; and three step-great grandchildren; a brother, Wendell David of Washington; and two sisters, Maxine Burkhart of Auburn and Ida Margaret Snyder of Melbourne, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Jim David; three brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Kevin Marsh will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday prior to the service the at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or DeKalb County Relay for Life.

Lloyd Gael

GARRETT — Lloyd J.C. Gael, 84, of Garrett died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military services by the Garrett American Legion and the VFW.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne.

A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's paper.

Roger Gamble Jr

KENDALLVILLE — Roger D. Gamble Jr., 38, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m Monday at Montgomery Baptist Church near Carrie, Ky., with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Ricky Smith officiating. Burial will be in Mountain Memory Gardens in Hindman, Ky.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at Harbor of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville on S.R. 3 with a service at 7 p.m.

Additional calling will be after 3 p.m. Sunday at Montogomery Baptist Church near Carrie.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Go to www.hitefuneralhome.com for complete obituary information.

Connie Glessner

FORT WAYNE — Connie "Sue" Glessner, 74, of Avilla died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, at her home.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. today at Midwest Cremation Society & Memorial Chapel, 4602 Newaygo Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be be from 2-4 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Jeanie Reinsch

LEO — Jeanie S. Reinsch, 81, of Avilla and formerly of Leo died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Leo United Methodist Church in Leo with Pastor Toni Carmer officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the church in Leo.

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Clarence Beck

MONTPELIER, OHIO — Clarence B. Beck, 99, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at Bryan Care & Rehabilitation Center, Bryan, Ohio.

Services will be at 1 p.m Monday at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, with graveside military rites by Montpelier veteran organizations.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers of Williams County.

Vera L. Housel

AUBURN — Vera L. Housel, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Randy Sutton

KENDALLVILLE — Randy Sutton, 50, of Kendallville, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Kenneth Leitch, Jr.

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth Leitch, Jr., 83, of Churubusco died at 9:07 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco. Private family internment with military graveside rites will be in Concordia Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Virgil Duddy

MONTICELLO, IND. — Virgil R. "Bob" Duddy, 81, of Monticello died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Springer-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home, Monticello. Burial will be in Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery, rural Monticello.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the American Kidney Foundation.

The online guestbook may be signed at www.springervoorhisdraper.com.

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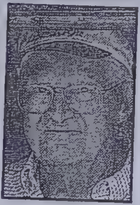
Lloyd Gael

GARRETT — Lloyd J.C. Gael, 84, of Garrett died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Gael was a process engineer at Borg-Warner in Auburn for 38 years, retiring in 1979.


Mr. Gael

He was a lifetime Garrett resident and wintered in Ruskin, Fla.

He was a World War II Army Air Force veteran, serving as an "A" gunner engineer.

Mr. Gael was a member of the Garrett VFW.

He was born May 16, 1924, in Garrett to August Carl and Myrtle E. (Weldon) Gael. He married Alice L. Mueller on June 30, 1973, in South Milford. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John C. and Jennifer Gael of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judi Winchester of Warsaw, Karen and Bill Howard of Albion and Mary and Ron Culbertson of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Virginia Mueller of Sherwood, Mich.; seven grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded by a brother, Oliver Lovette; two sisters, Helen Weldon and Madeline Dose; and a stepgrandchild.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services by members of the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book at thomasfuneralhome.org.

Doris Dapp

GARRETT — Doris E. Dapp, 83, of Garrett died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Church at Garrett, 1370 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with Pastor Tom Wilcoxson officiating.

Private family burial will take place Monday at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Joan Parnin

FORT WAYNE — Joan T. (Crandal) Parnin, 80, with the help of Parkview Hospice, passed away peacefully Thursday, January 29, 2009, at her home of 48 years, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Parnin

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker and a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and a volunteer for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Mom enjoyed the simple things in life and was always thinking of her family.

Survivors include her sons, Michael Parnin and Kenneth (Dawn) Parnin, both of Fort Wayne; daughters, Kathleen Parnin of Fort Wayne, Karen (Jerry) Gibson of Kentucky and Diann (Ed) Stahl of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, James Crandal of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Ursula Redding of Huntington.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold B. Parnin; brothers, Winfred, Ira, William and Joseph Crandal; and sisters, Mary Reed and Rita Keiler.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, East State at Randallia, with calling 1 hour prior to services.

Calling is also 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Jude Catholic Church, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or Aging and In Home Services of Northeastern Indiana, 2927 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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Kenneth Leitch Jr.

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth Leitch Jr., 83, a resident of Churubusco, died at 9:07 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Leitch Jr.

Mr. Leitch was born on August 5, 1925, in Whitley County, a son of Kenneth P. and Thelma Evangela (Herron) Leitch. As a young man he served during World War II with the U.S. Marine Corps.

A lifelong resident of the Churubusco area, he retired in 1983 as a machinist with International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 27 years.

He was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco and the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco. In his leisure time he enjoyed spending summers in Sarona, Wisconsin, playing golf, target shooting, and gardening.

His marriage took place in Churubusco on June 5, 1963, to Ruth E. Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Ellen (Gary) Smith of Albion, Valeria (Jerry) Cheek of Auburn, Jeannette (Gary) Petelle of Churubusco, Vickie Leitch of Moore, Oklahoma, Scott (Debbie) Leitch of Churubusco and Christopher Hardacre of Columbia City; his sisters, Arrena Diffendarfer and Janette Johnson, both of Churubusco; two sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Leitch of Fort Wayne and Irene Leitch of Arizona; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ross Leitch and Don Leitch.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 2, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco with Pastor Lane Burgland officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Private family interment with military graveside rites will be in Concordia Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Leitch's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Mary DeWitt

FORT WAYNE — Mary Helen Hyde DeWitt, 89, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at St. Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service and Monday 4-7 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Randy Sutton

KENDALLVILLE — Randy Lee Sutton, 50, of Kendallville, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Service will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, James Charles officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. A video tribute is at hitefuneralhome.com.

Brenda Sadler

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — Brenda Brunkhart Sadler, 56, of Bourbonnais died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, in Bourbonnais of cancer.

Services were held Jan. 13 in Bourbonnais. Cremation followed.

Esther Weber

KENDALLVILLE — Esther Mae Weber, 88, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at her residence.

Service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, Pastor Robert Farmer officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to hitefuneralhome.com.

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Terry Mickem

LAGRANGE — Terry L. Mickem, 66, of LaGrange died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Mickem lived his lifetime in LaGrange County.

A retired auto mechanic, he had owned and operated Mickem's Garage, and worked for the former Culp Motors, and most recently for Hostetler Tire and Auto in LaGrange.

He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, LaGrange Moose Lodge, and Sons of the American Legion Post 215.

Mr. Mickem was born on July 29, 1942, in LaGrange County to Melvin and Marie (Lewis) Mickem.

Surviving are a daughter, Kimberly Bradsher of Fremont; a son, Timothy Lee Mickem of LaGrange; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Doug Mickem of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeffrey L. Mickem in 1961; a great-grandson, Andrew Yerington; and three brothers, Steve, Tony and Larry Mickem.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sundayat the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ducks Unlimited.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Samuel Kees

WATERLOO — Samuel M. Kees, 80, of Waterloo died Thursday Jan. 29, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Kees worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ and the Garrett Eagles.

He was born June 27, 1928, in St. Joe to George and Wilma (Majors) Kees. He married Betty Badman on July 7, 1945, and she survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanne and Gary Mann of Hamilton and Ginger and Jim Zeigler of Nathalie, Va.; one son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Loxie Kees of Auburn; two sisters, Betty Delucenay of Garrett and Bonnie Crabill of Auburn; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Rodney Kees; three brothers, Willard Kees, Harry Kees and Rodger Kees; and one sister, Nelda Shafer.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center.

Vera Housel

AUBURN — Vera L. Housel, 91, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked for 25 years at the Garrett Veterinary Hospital, retiring in 1987. After retiring she worked at Monique Fabric in Auburn.

Mrs. Housel

She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and she was also a member of Cresent Rebecca Lodge of Auburn.

She was born Nov. 22, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Harry and Cecile (Eady) Kruge and they have both passed away. She married Victor Housel Sr. on April 9, 1950, in Fort Wayne and he died Dec. 17, 1986.

She is survived by a son and daughter in law, Victor and Margo Housel Jr. of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Alan Miller of LaPorte and Linda and Gary Bradley of Thompson Falls, Montana; two grandsons, Bradley Miller and Alexander Miller, both of LaPorte; two stepgrandchildren, Annette Shumaker and Brian Ort, both of Auburn; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Krysten Shumaker of Auburn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Alterstar United Methodist Church, 1403 CR 68, Auburn, IN 46706.

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Clarence Beck

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Clarence B. Beck, 99, of Montpelier died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at Bryan Care & Rehabilitation Center in Bryan following a lingering illness.

Mr. Beck had been a lifetime Montpelier resident and had moved to his daughter's home at Bryan in 2002.

He was an auto and truck mechanic and had worked at several Ford dealerships. He retired as a mechanic from the Montpelier Street Department.

He had been a volunteer firefighter with the Montpelier Fire Department for 21 years.

Mr. Beck was a former member of the Eagles Lodge, VFW Post 994 and Church of Christ, all in Montpelier.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Oct. 27, 1909, in Montpelier to Minnie A. Hodson and John O. Beck. He married Helen L. Haifley on April 1, 1941. She died June 9, 1997.

Surviving are a son and two daughters-in-law, Byron and Ellen Beck of Edon, Ohio; and Missy Beck of Montpelier, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lela and Lonnie Furrow of Bryan, Ohio, and Kay and Howard Morton of Auburn, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Spencer Beck on Sept. 30, 2003, and Basil Krathwohl on Nov. 16, 1988; two granddaughters, Carmilla Simmons and Tara Hayes; two brothers, Kenneth Beck and K.O. Beck; and four sisters, Opal Tingley, Gaytha Willis, Nina Steele and Myrl Imthurn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, 335 Empire St., Montpelier, with Pastor John Rumple officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Community Hospitals and the Wellness Centers of Williams County.

Virgil Duddy

MONTICELLO — Virgil R. "Bob" Duddy, 81, of Monticello passed away at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at White County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on March 27, 1927 in Monticello to the late Floyd J. and Rachel Irene (Guy) Duddy.

His marriage was to Bonnie Allison on January 21, 1961, in Monticello. She survives.

Mr. Duddy served in the United States Navy during WWII. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Monticello.

Other survivors include: a daughter, Jacklyn (Dennis F.) Long of Kendallville, Ind.; a son, James D. (Susan) Duddy of Kimmell, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Patricia C. (Charles) Pearson of Olympia, Wash., and Janice Wollenhaupt of Ocean Springs, Miss.; two brothers, Wayne (Joyce) Duddy of Rockfield, Ind., and Donald Duddy of Elkhart, Ind.; two grandsons, Stephen Long and Jeremy Duddy; six granddaughters, Sarah Housholder, Susan Nevil, Jennifer Ley, Jenna Long, Erin Duddy and Sandy Martindale; and many great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and a stepson, Richard Allison.

Visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. today, January 31, at Springer-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home, 202 S. Illinois St., Monticello.

Funeral services will follow at the funeral home at 1 p.m. today with the Rev. Ryan Bailey of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be at Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery, rural Monticello.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Kidney Foundation.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.springervoorhisdraper.com.

Olive Sturgis

WOLCOTTVILLE — Olive M. Sturgis, 93, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 1 p.m. until the service on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be contributed to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be left at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Marty Donat

KENDALLVILLE — Marty Donat, 81, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Betty Newman: Remembering a dedicated Democrat and volunteer

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — She dedicated herself to the Democratic party in Noble County and volunteering in the Kendallville community.

That's how Betty Newman's friends, fellow workers and club members remember her. They wished she could have lived to see President Barak Obama's inauguration.

Newman, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, the day before Obama was sworn in Tuesday, Jan. 20.

"She was always there for the Democratic party," said her close friend Cora Smolinske of Kendallville, a long-time party supporter herself. "It's too bad she didn't live long enough to see the inauguration." Smolinske had known Newman for 30 years. "She put an awful lot of time in for the party and the community."

Newman was the Noble County Vice Chairman of the Central Democratic Committee and was a member of the Noble County Democratic Women's Club. She attended political functions in support of Democrat Dr. Jerry Jansen's successful election to Noble County Council in November.

He described her as a woman from the 1950s who cared about patriotism and hard work. "She was actively involved in party events most of her life," said Jansen. "She displayed patriotism for her country and working for the party when it was needed. It was a big part of her life."

Democrat Don Moore, a Noble County Council member, said Newman was at all the political events. "She was usually the first person there and stayed until the end to help clean-up."

Mrs. Newman

For 15 years Newman belonged to the Second Time Around Club for senior citizens. Each week she cooked lunch at the Youth Center for all who came to play cards and socialize.

The lifetime Kendallville resident was a volunteer coordinator at The Bargain Shop in downtown Kendallville since 1984.

She was a member of the IU Alumni Association, the Elks Lodge No. 1194, the Moose Lodge No. 730, the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Kendallville Windmill & Historical Society and the North Shore Animal League. She actively supported the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police.

Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe met Newman when they were members of the Professional/Business Women's Association in Kendallville. "She had a giving heart and will be missed," said Handshoe.

Long-time association member Fran Moran worked with Newman on the association's scholarship committee. "While pouring over the stack of applications, she would often say I wish we could give each one a scholarship. Betty had a heart of gold, and was always a willing worker on any committee she served," said Moran.

Newman loved Christmas. The last Professional/Business Women's Association committee she served on was last year's social committee responsible for the association's Christmas party. "She did her part and enjoyed the evening with the Apple Chords," said Moran.

Newman was born in Kendallville on Dec. 26, 1922, to Charles and Louise Amelia (Fritz) Haverfield. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941 and married Donald Lee Newman at the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Aug. 28, 1983.

She was a homemaker and worked at Domex in Kendallville from 1974-1986.

She leaves a daughter and son-in-law, two granddaughters and their spouses, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Newman is buried in Lake View Cemetery north of Kendallville.

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Randy Sutton

KENDALLVILLE — Randy Lee Sutton, 50, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He graduated from DeKalb High School and was a machine operator with Hy-Matic in Kendallville for 24 years.

Mr. Sutton was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kendallville, and was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, gardening and animals.

On April 17, 1958, in Kendallville, he was born to Trevor John and Gloria Dee (Grieser) Sutton.

Surviving are his mother, Gloria Sutton, Kendallville; a son, Jonathan Sutton, Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Angela Sutton, Wolcottville, and Alyssa and Levi Bolinger, Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Regina and John Millhouse, Albion; a grandmother, Joyce Sutton, Kendallville; and many aunts and uncles.

Preceding him in death were his father, Trevor John Sutton in 1983; paternal grandfather, Isaac Sutton; and maternal grandparents, Raymond and Velma Grieser.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with James Charles officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Esther Mae Weber

KENDALLVILLE — Esther Mae Weber, 88, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at her residence.

She was employed for 25 years with Monsanto in Ligonier before retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Weber was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville where she was active in the Wednesday morning Bible study.

On May 8, 1920, in Decatur, she was born to Fred and Bertha (Lammert) Liniger. She married Guy R. Secaur on Aug. 29, 2009, in Decatur. He preceded her in death in September 1959. She married Robert L. Weber on Jan. 21, 1961, in Shipshewana. He preceded her in death on July 4, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Kendall, Melabar, Fla.; a son, Michael Secaur, LaCrosse, Wis.; six grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her two husbands, were her parents; a brother, Raymond Liniger; and a sister, Ruth Haley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Robert Farmer officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home at 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Wagner

AUBURN — Dorothy A. Wagner, 88, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Wagner was a bookkeeper for Dr. Harry Covell for 22 years, retiring in 1973.

In DeKalb County, she was born to Munson and Ethel May (Loutzenheiser) Baughman on April 14, 1920. She married Roland M. Wagner in 1944 in Centertown, Ga. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a son, R. Michael Wagner; two brothers, Eugene Baughman and Oscar Baughman; and two sisters, Iris Baughman and Zella R. Monroe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Community Foundation.

Charles Atkins

BOAZ, Ala. — Charles Henry Atkins of Boaz and formerly of DeBary, Fla., and LaGrange, Ind., died Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, following a three-month battle with cancer.

Among his survivors is his wife, Gloria.

A local memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lake Missionary Church, 9030 U.S. 20 West, Angola, Ind.

Memorials are to Alacare Hospice & Home Health in Albertville, Ala.

McRae Funeral Home in Boaz is in charge of arrangements.

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Francis Nelson

BUTLER — Francis A. Nelson, 99, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born on April 26, 1909, in Lambert, Okla., to Andrew and Minnie (Belcher) Nelson.

Francis married Irene V. Ball on Dec. 4, 1929, in Butler. She preceded him in death on May 25, 1991.

Mr. Nelson

He was a retired farmer and carpenter. He also worked for over 20 years at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home and furniture store.

Francis was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church of Butler, and DeKalb County Farm Bureau, serving as County President. He served as Wilmington Township Trustee from 1967 to 1979, and was a former board member of the DeKalb Co-Op Credit Union, a former director of the DeKalb Farm Bureau Co-Op (now DeKalb Agra) and a former member of the Cedar Creek Drainage Board.

Survivors include four sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert and Gloria Nelson, Des Plaines, Ill., Jack and Kay Nelson, Big Rapids, Mich., Leslie Nelson, Butler, and Dennis and Patricia Nelson, Niles, Ohio; five grandchildren, Lori and Art Hanrehan, Sandra and Steve Zurlo, Monica and Kevin Meyer, Timothy and Kristin Nelson, and Jeffrey and Emily Nelson; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Louis Nelson, Auburn.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Howard Nelson, and a sister, Christina Bumgardner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Marks Lutheran Church, Butler, with Pastor John Stuck officiating. Pallbearers will be Robert, Jack, Leslie, Dennis, Timothy and Jeffrey Nelson. Honorary pallbearers are Louis Nelson, Steve Nelson, Kevin Meyer, Art Hanrehan and Steven Zurlo.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, and one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Lester Byler

LAGRANGE — Lester J. Byler, 88, of rural LaGrange, died at 1:25 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange, after a six-day stay.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Raymond Miller residence, 0115 W. C.R. 300S, LaGrange. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Vernon L. Byler residence, 0090 W. C.R. 300S, LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Amy Robinson

WATERLOO — Amy J. Robinson, 38, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Cancer Center.

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Donald Pletcher

ELKHART — Donald Devon Pletcher, 75, of Elkhart, formerly of Shipshewana, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with burial in Oakridge Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shipshewana United Methodist Church, Shupshewana.

Condolences may be sent online to Millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Leila Kilgallon

ANGOLA — Leila Sanders Kilgallon, 86, of Angola, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, Angola.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

The Family of Jerry Ober would like to thank everyone for the wonderful food brought to the house. For all the prayers, flowers, cards, and donations. A thank you to Rev. Sam Weimer, Rev. Orlo Hibbs, and the pallbearers. And many thanks to the Young Funeral Home. Oh yes! To the ladies that worked in my kitchen to put the dinner together.

God Bless,
Margaret Ober, Mike Ober
and grandchildren

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Amy Robinson

WATERLOO — Amy J. Robinson, 38, of Waterloo died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

She was born June 10, 1970, in Auburn.

She married Tony Robinson on Feb. 14, 2004, in Auburn and he survives in Waterloo.

Mrs. Robinson

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Fay (Abell) and Phil Fluke of Butler, and her father, Tom Weicht of Butler.

She is also survived by a son, Kyle Doub of Waterloo; two stepsons, Austin Robinson and Luke Robinson, both of Waterloo; a brother, Tom Weicht Jr. of Auburn; two grandmothers, Dorothy Stevenson of Butler and Jane Fluke of Auburn; and her mother-in-law, Barb Robinson of Geneva.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Cancer Center.

Mary DeWitt

AUBURN — Mary Helen (Hyde) DeWitt, 89, of Garrett died Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. DeWitt had been a nurse's aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 20 years, retiring in 1982.

Mrs. DeWitt

She was a native of Garrett and a 1938 graduate of Garrett High School.

Mrs. DeWitt was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and Harvest House in Garrett.

Surviving are a daughter, Marcia and Dave Baysinger of Auburn; three sons, Jake DeWitt of Hamilton and his fiancee, Barbara Birkenbuel, David and Treva DeWitt of Auburn and Don and Jean DeWitt of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a brother, Lewis Hyde of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence E. DeWitt; and a sister, Catherine Hurtzfield.

Services were today at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

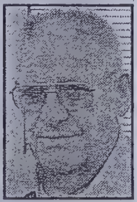
Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Arthur Strong

FORT WAYNE — Arthur R. Strong, 77, died Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Cass City, Ind.

He was a truck driver for many years and for NXW Trucking for the last four years. He retired in 2007.


Mr. Strong

Survivors include his wife, Leta Strong of Auburn; a son, Ralph and Cheryl Taylor of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Rita and Elmer Gilman of Grahm, Wash., Lori Newbough of Anchorage, Alaska, Janet and Jeff Emmons of Fort Wayne, and Judine Taylor and Richard Pressman of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Audrea Montagne, Adam Emmons, Debbie Kraback, Shane Taylor, Grace Pressman and Sam Pressman; five great-grandchildren; a niece, Rene Breitkreutz of Wasilla, Alaska, and a nephew, Richard Breitkreutz of Chiquak, Alaska.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, with the Rev. Linda Martin officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the S.P.C.A.

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Mary Brown

CAMDEN, Mich. — Mary Helen Brown, 95, of Camden, Mich., died Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at the Laurels of Coldwater, Coldwater, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Vada Stutzman

GOSHEN — Vada Stutzman, 88, of Goshen, formerly of Aurora, Ohio, died at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Greencroft Health Care Center, Goshen.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Aurora Cemetery, Aurora, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Lester Byler

LAGRANGE — Lester J. Byler, 88, of LaGrange died at 1:25 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital after a six-day stay.

Mr. Byler was a dairy farmer.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Sept. 29, 1920, in Nappanee to John G. and Lovina (Burkholder) Byler. On April 24, 1941, in LaGrange County he married Ella W. (Miller) Byler. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Edna Miller of LaGrange, Arlene and Ivan Bontrager of Bonduel, Wis., Leanna and Melvin Yoder of LaGrange, Luella and Mervin Miller of LaGrange, Ruth and Aaron Miller of Ligonier, and Velma and Perry Yoder of Topeka; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mervin L. (Rebecca) Byler of Wolcottville and Vernon L. (Edna Fern) Byler of LaGrange; 44 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 83 great-grandchildren; 26 stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; a sister, Elizabeth Byler of Shipshewana; and a brother and sister-in-law, Elmer and Anna Byler of Nappanee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Atlee Miller; a great-grandchild; a stepgrandchild; a brother, Joe Byler; two sisters, Lydia Mae Miller and Mary Miller; two stepsisters and five stepbrothers.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Raymond Miller residence, 0115 W. C.R. 300S, LaGrange, with Bishop Marvin Graber and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Raymond Miller, Glendon Byler, Jospeh Yoder, Merlyn Yoder, Jonas Miller and Kenneth Byler.

Calling will be all day Tuesday at the Vernon L. Byler residence, 0090 W. C.R. 300S, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Earnest Beardsley Sr.

KIMMELL — Earnest L. Beardsley Sr., 75, of Kimmell died at 8:35 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Heart Center and the Goshen Cancer Care Center.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Maurice Grim

FORT WAYNE — Maurice E. Grim, 79, of rural Fort Wayne, died at 10:50 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Dorothy Kessler

APOPKA, Fla. — Dorothy L. Kessler, 86, of Apopka, Fla., formerly of Crooked Lake, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009.

Services are pending.

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Margaret Leedy

AUBURN — Margaret Y. Leedy, 93, of Auburn and formerly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Leedy was a savings loan counselor for First Federal, retiring in 1981.

She was a 1932 graduate of Roanoke High School. She then attended Manchester College for three years.

She was a member of the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne. She was also a member of the Sigma Eta Sorority - Fine Arts Inc. She was a past musician for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

She was born July 7, 1915, in Huntington to James S. and Geneva (Kimmel) Jordan. She married Joseph A. Leedy in Fort Wayne on Dec. 28, 1946, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, MariEtta and Paul Zook of Tampa, Fla., and Rita and Charles Collins of Auburn; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen and Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren or a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Kelley

AVILLA — Robert Lee Kelley, 45, of Avilla died at Parkview Hospital on Friday, January 30, 2009, at 5:14 p.m. in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Wednesday, January 28, 2009, after suffering an apparent heart attack at his residence in Avilla.

Bob was born on November 19, 1963, in Niles, Michigan, to Jimmie and Judith (Florey) Kelley. They both survive in Avilla.

Bob moved to Avilla in 1996 from Buchanan, Michigan. He along with his father, Jimmie, was a former lineman for the Town of Avilla. Bob also enjoyed camping, fishing and riding his motorcycles.

He is survived by his parents; two children, Jordan Kelley and Justin Kelley, both of Orlando; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jimmie Jr. and Karen Kelley of Berrien Center, Michigan, and William and Ana Kelley of Kendallville; and his paternal grandmother, Helen Kelley of Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Memorial services will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, IN 46710. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla will officiate.

The Kelley family would like to express special thanks to the Avilla Fire and Police departments and the Noble County EMS for all the special efforts they made and the care they provided on Wednesday.

Kay Wood

FREMONT — Kay F. (Yocklin) Wood, 66, of Fremont died at 2 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital Hospice Care.

Mrs. Wood was born in Toledo, Ohio, on Sept. 27, 1942, to Ida B. Stuttler and William C . Yocklin. She married Dwayne P. Wood of Waukon, Iowa, on Sept. 21, 1961. He survives.

Mrs. Wood

She was a member of the Red Hat Classy Sassy Sisters out of Michigan.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Jeanette "Jan" and Darryl Calloway of Fremont, Kim and Brian Riel of Lynnwood, Wash., Kayleen Hart of Fremont and Sandra and Chad Owen of Fremont; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; 18 brothers and sisters, including half and step siblings.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a stepmother, Joan; a sister, Linda Yocklin; and a brother, Carl Yocklin.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday at the Fremont Moose Lodge.

Memorials and condolences are to the Wood family.

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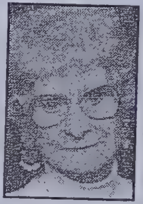
Mary Brown

CAMDEN, Mich. — Mary Helen Brown, 95, of Camden and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Laurels of Coldwater in Coldwater, Mich.


Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown had retired as a picture painter for State Aerial Farm in Toledo.

She was a member of St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake near Fremont and sang in the choir there.

Mrs. Brown was born July 15, 1913, in Jackson, Mich., to Fred and Anna (Henig) Mannabach. She married Charlie Brown and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Judy Perretti and her husband, Bob, of Montgomery, Mich., and Louanne Brown Bartles and her husband, Bill, of Waterford, Wis.; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several cousins in the Toledo area.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Leo Mannabach; and a sister, Margaret Trapp.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Chapel, 8780 E. C.R. 700N, Clear Lake, Fremont, with Father Philip Schneider and Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Private family calling will be held.

Memorials are to St. Paul Chapel.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Toni Miller

AUBURN — Toni G. Miller, 51, passed away Sunday, February 1, 2009, at her home in Granger.

Born in Garrett, she was employed with Jo Ann Fabrics for two years in Mishawaka.

Mrs. Miller

She graduated from Fremont High School in 1975.

She enjoyed crafts.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph J. Miller of Granger; sons, J.R. Miller and John W. Miller, both of Granger; three brothers, Eugene Lash of Ashley, Greg Lash of Kendallville and Michael Lash of Illinois; and an aunt, Connie Patrick of Rome City.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling one hour prior to services.

Calling will also be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Clarence Pease

KENDALLVILLE — Clarence Edward Pease, 96, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

He was a retired independent milk hauler for 40 years. He sold his route in 1972. He also drove school bus for 11 years for DeKalb schools.

He was a member of the Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and also a past member of EUB Church of Linn Grove, Ind., He was also a member of the Indiana Farm Bureau.

Mr. Pease was born in Dunkirk, Ind., on July 9, 1912, to Godfrey and Ethel (French) Pease. He married Cleo Johnson on Feb. 27, 1938, in Columbia City and she preceded him in death Oct. 17, 2005.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Donna Pease of Albion and Bobby and Linda Pease of Bloomington; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a half brother, Burl Pease of Roanoke; and two half sisters, Charlotte Wells of Michigan and Zephyne of Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Tucker, and brother, DeLoren Pease.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Nancy Housholder

FORT WAYNE — Nancy L. Housholder, 85, of Fort Wayne passed away Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Covington Commons.

Mrs. Housholder was a native of Albion and had also lived in Fort Myers, Fla., at one time.

Mrs. Housholder

She was a homemaker and a trained cosmetologist. She briefly operated her own shop in Avilla. In her later years, she began a career with Ann's Hallmark, first at Covington Plaza and later at Apple Glen. She was a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church and a former member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church where she and her husband were charter members.

Mrs. Housholder was a gifted seamstress and knitter and an avid golfer, as well as a Big Ten basketball fan.

She was a devoted wife to her husband, Paul, who preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Roy J. Fleming, of Jackson, Mich., and Susan and Thomas M. Johnson; and Sheryl and Thomas P. Yoder, all of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Mark Blombach, Michelle Iocca, Amy Strine and Timothy Bail; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joan Foust of Fort Wayne and Shirley Etzler of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Preferred memorials are to St. Michael's Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Patricia Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia Sue Smith mentored dozens of area men and women in recovery from the disease of alcoholism by her actions, her example, and her unconditional love.

Mrs. Smith

She was also a loving mother and grandmother, and a friend to countless others who worked with her before her retirement from Group Dekko, which was forced by her disabilities.

Mrs. Smith died Monday at her home after a courageous battle with a number of illnesses. She was only 61.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Lee Bowman.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicky Ann Smith and her fiance Jackie Johnson, both of Topmost, Kentucky; a granddaughter, Carley Renee, at home; and a cousin, Roberta Elser of Albion. She is also survived by a great number of friends and loved ones, including Georgiana Becker, Christine Gisel, Wanda Hines, Dorothy Parker, Shirley Waltenberger, Maggie Oester, Cindy Heileman and Patty Laisure; as well as Mike McMeen, Bernie Gonya, Bill Hulwick, and Kerry Radcliff. Mrs. Smith's constant companion was her cat, Hot Rod.

During her 25 years of continuous sobriety, Mrs. Smith was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Cremation has taken place.

A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, next to her father.

Memorials are to Vicky Smith to help defray costs.

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Martha Donat

ROME CITY — Martha E. Donat, age 81, of Rome City died on Friday, January 30, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was born in Kendallville on July 23, 1927, to Harvey M. and Vera Marie (Smith) Engle.

Mrs. Donat

Mrs. Donat graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944. She then attended the Warner Beauty College in Fort Wayne, graduating in April of 1946.

She married Cleo Jr. Donat on December 31, 1946.

Mrs. Donat worked for Group Dekko in the quality control lab for 30 years, retiring in 1995.

Mrs. Donat lived in Rome City for 50 years and then Bradenton, Fla., for 9 years.

She was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church and the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Bradenton. She also belonged to the United Methodist Women's groups at both churches and the Bell Choir in Florida.

Mrs. Donat loved gardening, singing, water skiing and dancing.

Survivors include: two daughters and sons-in-law, Vera Ann and Bruce Snyder of Alpharetta, Ga., and Vicky and Mike Fiandt of Rome City, Ind.; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas L. and Mary Ellen Donat of Avon, Ind.; five grandchildren, Jennifer Badal, Matthew Snyder, Nathan Donat, Emily Burch and Joshua Fiandt; three great-granddaughters, Taylor Badal, Liv Snyder and Reagan Fiandt; and two sisters, Wanda Hayward and Beverly Steffen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cleo Jr. Donat; one brother, Robert Engle; and one sister, Vivian Singleton.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 7, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Michael McKinney.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Rome City United Methodist Church or the Orange Township Fire Department.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Edna Wildey

ALBION — Edna Marie Wildey, 86, of Warren, formerly of Albion, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at the Heritage Pointe, Warren, where she had resided since 2001.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Albion Wesleyan Church, Albion. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, and one prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Mary Dafforn

CHURUBUSCO — Mary C. Dafforn, 90, of Eel River Township in Allen County, died at 3:17 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with burial in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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James Schindler

AUBURN — James M. Schindler, 52, of Auburn and formerly of Hamilton and Garrett died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at his home following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Light and Life Wesleyan Church in Three Rivers, Mich., with Pastor Sam Maddox officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Farrand Funeral Home in White Pigeon is in charge of arrangements.

Marjorie Osterholt

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie A. (Bruns) Osterholt, 88, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at St. Anne's Nursing Home.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 S. Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with a vigil at 4 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Vincent dePaul Society or St. Mary's of the Woods in Terre Haute.

Agnes Warren

SPENCERVILLE — Agnes Anne Warren, 68, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending with Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Maurice Grim

CHURUBUSCO — Maurice E. "Morry" Grim, 79, of Allen County died Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7914 W. Cook Road. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services at the church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Kenneth Leitch, Jr., 83

CHURUBUSCO – Kenneth Leitch, Jr., 83, a resident of Churubusco, died at 9:07 p. m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Leitch was born on August 5, 1925 in Whitley County, a son of Kenneth P. and Thelma Evangela (Herron) Leitch, and as a young man served during World War II with the U. S. Marine Corps.

A lifelong resident of the Churubusco-area, he retired in 1983 as a machinist with International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 27 years.

He was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco and the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco. In his leisure time he enjoyed spending summers in Sarona, Wisconsin, playing golf, target shooting, and gardening.

His marriage took place in Churubusco on June 5, 1963 to Ruth E. Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are his children Ellen (Gary) Smith of Albion, Valeria (Jerry) Cheek of Auburn, Jeannette (Gary) Petelle of Churubusco, Vickie Leitch of Moore, Oklahoma, Scott (Debbie) Leitch of Churubusco, and Christopher Hardacre of Columbia City; his sisters Arrena Diffendarfer and Janette Johnson, both of Churubusco; two sisters-in-law Mary Jane Leitch of Fort Wayne and Irene Leitch of Arizona; eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers Ross Leitch and Don Leitch.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 2, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco with Pastor Lane Burgland, officiating.

Private family interment with military graveside rites will be in Concordia Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Randy Lee Sutton, 50

KENDALLVILLE - Randy Lee Sutton, age 50, of Kendallville died on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Sutton was born in Kendallville on April 17, 1958 to Trevor John and Gloria Dee (Grieser) Sutton.

He graduated from Dekalb High School in 1976 and was a machine operator with Hy-Matic in Kendallville for 24 years. Randy was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and hiking. He also loved gardening and animals. He was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kendallville.

Survivors include: his mother, Gloria Sutton of Kendallville; a son, Jonathan Sutton of Kendallville; two daughters, Angela Sutton of Wolcottville, Alyssa (Levi) Bolinger of Rome City, a granddaughter, Karina Bolinger of Rome City.one sister, Regina (John) Millhouse of Albion; his grandmother, Joyce Sutton of Kendallville; and many aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1983; paternal grandfather, Issac Sutton; and maternal grandparents, Raymond and Velma Grieser.

Funeral Services were Monday, February 2, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was James Charles.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dale Francis Fischer, 84

AVILLA – Dale Francis Fischer, age 84, died at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at his home on his farm in Avilla.

He was born January 12, 1925 in Dekalb County, Indiana to Linus and Ruby Diehm Fischer, both deceased. He was a lifetime area resident. On May 6, 1946 he married Agatha "Johnny" Truelove at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives in Avilla.

Mr. Fischer was a self-employed lifetime Avilla farmer, a fertilizer dealer, and drove School Bus for the East Noble School Corp. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Other survivors include children, Carl (Susan) Fischer of Avilla, Monte Fischer of Sioux City, Iowa, Janice (Michael) Smith of Corunna, Gene (Diane) Fischer of Kendallville, and Edward Fischer of Kendallville; fourteen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren.; two sisters, Retha (James) Remke of Avilla, Carolyn Miller of Kendallville; brother, Francis (Susie) Fischer of Avilla, and a brother-n-law, Leo Teders of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Lee Fischer and a daughter, Fay Fischer. His parents, and three sisters, Rosellen Howe, Alberta Helmkamp, and Lois Teders.

Mass of Christian Burial was January 31, 2009 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Father Wilson Corzo officiated.

Burial followed at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla.

Casket bearers were Austin Fischer, Ty Smith, Matt Foster, Brian Taggert, Matt Sullivan and Lee Fischer.

Memorials may be made to Masses.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 4, 2009 Wednesday

Earnest L. Beardsley, Sr., 75

KIMMELL – Earnest L. Beardsley, Sr., 75, passed away February 1, 2009 at the Goshen General Hospital from natural causes.

Mr. Beardsley was born in Marietta, OH on November 8, 1933 to Clyde and Gladys (Scholfield) Beardsley.

On June 26, 1955 he married Lois Anna Jane Blair. She survives. The Beardsley moved to this area in 1964.

He retired from Purina Mills in Milford, IN and also worked escorting mobile homes for Redman Homes in Topeka, IN.

He attended The Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Lois in Kimmell; one son, Ernie Jr. (Yolanda) Beardsley of Goshen; one daughter, Cheryl (Rusty) Hollowell of Topeka; grandchildren, Adriene (Mike) Traber of Brazil, IN, Tina Beardsley and her fiance` Casey James of Ligonier, Tiffany Shephenson and her fiance` Joe Perry of Topeka, Michelle and Sandra Stephenson of Topeka; three step grandchildren, Jorge, Louis and Yadira of Goshen; seven great grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; a niece and caregiver Carol Kellar of Kimmell.

He was preceded in death by a brother Clyde Beardsley and a sister Ruth Best.

Services will take place Friday, February 6, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, IN. Officiating will be Celebrant Larry Baker.

Burial will take place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Visitation hours are Thursday, February 5, 2009 at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. and 1 hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lutheran Heart Center and the Goshen Cancer Care Center.

Virgil Duddy, 81

MONTICELLO — Virgil R. "Bob" Duddy, 81, of Monticello passed away at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at White County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on March 27, 1927 in Monticello to the late Floyd J. and Rachel Irene (Guy) Duddy.

His marriage was to Bonnie Allison on January 21, 1961, in Monticello. She survives.

Mr. Duddy served in the United States Navy during WWII. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Monticello.

Other survivors include: a daughter, Jacklyn (Dennis F.) Long of Kendallville, Ind.; a son, James D. (Susan) Duddv of Kimmell, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Patricia C. (Charles) Pearson of Olympia, Wash., and Janice Wollenhaupt of Ocean Springs, Miss.; two brothers, Wayne (Joyce) Duddy of Rockfield, Ind., and Donald Duddy of Elkhart, Ind.; two grandsons, Stephen Long and Jeremy Duddy; six granddaughters, Sarah Housholder, Susan Nevil, Jennifer Ley, Jenna Long, Erin Duddy and Sandy Martindale; and many great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and a stepson, Richard Allison.

Funeral services were January 31, 2009. Rev. Ryan Bailey of the First Baptist Church officiated.

Burial took place at Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery, rural Monticello.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Kidney Foundation.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.springervoorhisdraper.com.

Lloyd Gael, 84

GARRETT — Lloyd J.C. Gael, 84, of Garrett died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Gael was a process engineer at Borg-Warner in Auburn for 38 years, retiring in 1979.

He was a lifetime Garrett resident and wintered in Ruskin, Fla.

He was a World War II Army Air Force veteran, serving as an "A" gunner engineer.

Mr. Gael was a member of the Garrett VFW.

He was born May 16, 1924, in Garrett to August Carl and Myrtle E. (Weldon) Gael. He married Alice L. Mueller on June 30, 1973, in South Milford. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John C. (Jennifer) Gael of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judi Winchester of Warsaw, Karen (Bill) Howard of Albion and Mary (Ron) Culbertson of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Virginia Mueller of Sherwood, Mich.; seven grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Oliver Lovette; two sisters, Helen Weldon and Madeline Dose; and a step-grandchild.

Memorial services took place February 2, 2009 at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Pastor Ralph Diehl officiated. Burial took place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services by members of the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book at thomasfuneralhome.org.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 4, 2009 Wednesday

Clarence Edward Pease, 96

Clarence Edward Pease, age 96, of Kendallville died on Monday, February 2, 2009 at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mr. Pease was born in Dunkirk, Indiana on July 9, 1912 to Godfrey and Ethel (French) Pease.

He married Cleo Johnson on February 27, 1938 in Columbia City and she preceded his death October 17, 2005.

He was a retired independent milk hauler for 40 years. He sold his route in 1972.

He also drove school bus for 11 years for Dekalb Schools.

Clarence was a member of the Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and also a past member of EUB Church of Linn Grove, Indiana and the Indiana Farm Bureau.

Survivors include: two sons, Marvin (Donna) Pease of Albion, and Bobby (Linda) Pease of Bloomington; five grandchildren: Jason Pease of Albion, John Pease of Avilla, Monica Rupert of Scotts, Michigan, William Pease of Bloomington, and Michael Pease of Chicago; five great grandchildren; half brother, Burl Pease of Roanoke; half sisters, Charlotte Wells of Michigan and Zephyne of Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Tucker and brother, DeLoren Pease.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 5, 2009, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Friday, February 6, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Kathleen Haller.

Burial will be at Liondenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Hill.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Edna Marie Wildey, 86

WARREN — Edna Marie (Wolf) Wildey, 86 passed away at 10:46, Tuesday February 3, 2009 at the Heritage Point Memorial Home in Warren, IN of natural causes.

She was born May 17, 1922 in Bluffton, IN to Charles C. and Cora L. (Henschen) Wolf.

On August 7, 1945 she was united in marriage to Rev. Thomas A. Wildey by the Rev. L.G. Wright in Geneva, IN. He passed away July 21, 1994.

They came to the Albion area in 1964 and worked with the Albion Wesleyan Church until they left the area in 1983.

Edna was an ordained Minister in the Wesleyan Church. She co-pastored at the Wesleyan Church in Albion for 14 years.

She was also a public school teacher for 30 years.

She was a member of the Lancaster Wesleyan Church, a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers' Association.

Survivors include one brother, Gene E. Wolf of Ft. Wayne; one brother in law, Eugene Gerard; one sister in law, Jackie Wildey; several nieces, nephews; great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter Peggy Sue Wildey who was dead at birth; one brother, Charles Wm. Wolf; three sisters, Wilma L. Dolby, Helen Campbell and Harriett Gerard.

Visitation is Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Services with be at the Albion Wesleyan Church, Saturday at 11:00 a.m. with calling one hour prior to service. Burial to follow at the Merriam Christian Chapel Cementery in Merriam,.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 5, 2009, Thursday

Marjorie Osterholt

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie A. (Bruns) Osterholt, 88, of Fort Wayne, passed away Monday, February 2, 2009, at St. Anne's nursing home.

Born February 20, 1920, she was a homemaker and mother of 10.

Mrs. Osterholt

She was a charter member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and graduated from St. Catherine's Academy.

She loved her family and grandchildren and spent her life caring for others.

She is survived by her children, Steve (Janet) Osterholt of Roanoke, Jen (Dick) Mccomb of Canton, Georgia, Ann (Kent) Woodfill of Fort Wayne, Robert (Jane) Osterholt of Angola, William (Kim Steven, fiance) of Fort Wayne, Mary (Roger) Williams of Gustavus, Alaska, Jerome (Debbie) Osterholt of Roanoke, Jane (Hank) Roberts of Ithaca, New York, and Tom (Erin) Osterholt of San Antonio, Texas; 29 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and a sister, Pauline of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony in 1996; a son, John; two grandchildren; and sister, Alice Bruns, S.P.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 S. Fairfield Ave., with calling 1 hour prior. Fr. Daryl Rybicki will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with a vigil at 4 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Vincent dePaul Society or St. Mary's of the Woods in Terre Haute.

Lonnie Collins

KENDALLVILLE — Lonnie Collins, 62, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, in a Paintsville, Ky., hospital following an extended illness.

Services and burial were in Kentucky.

Memorials are to the family in care of his brother, Bill Collins, 3420 N. C.R. 750E, Avilla.

April Perkins

GARRETT — April E. Perkins, 49, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, in Garrett.

There will be no services at this time.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Wilma Snyder

ST. JOE — Wilma M. Snyder, 89, of St. Joe, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Snyder was a homemaker.

Mrs. Snyder

She was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church and also the Ladies Aides.

She was born March 21, 1919, in Waterloo to Fredrick D. and Lanta (Dunn) Gafken.

She married Henry L. Snyder on July 4, 1937, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He died Oct. 3, 2001.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Richard L. "Dick" and Beverly Snyder of Waterloo, Larry L. and Janet Snyder of Little Turkey Lake, Rex A. andMaryLu Snyder of St. Joe and Van S. and Teresa Snyder of Fort Wayne; a sister, Doris McSorley of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jimmy D. Snyder; a brother, Dale K. Gafken; a sister, Arlene Gafken; and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be inWoodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Lung Association.

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Mary Dafforn

CHURUBUSCO — Mary C. Dafforn, 90, a resident of Eel River Township in Allen County and the widow of Robert H. Dafforn, died at 3:17 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for some time, and had been taken to the hospital from Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne on Sunday.

Mrs. Dafforn

Mrs. Dafforn was born in Wells County south of Bluffton on April 28, 1918, a daughter of Rollie and Stella (Faust) Deam. She spent her formative years in that area and graduated from Bluffton High School in 1936.

On October 12, 1940, she was married in Newport, Kentucky, to Robert H. Dafforn. The couple lived in Churubusco for the first two years of their marriage and them moved to the family farm in Eel River Township. She had lived at her present home since 1962, and had been employed for several years as a press operator at the former Irene Byron Institutional Power Plant, north of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dafforn preceded her in death on April 30, 1987.

The surviving relatives include her sons, James R. (companion Mary Jo) Dafforn of Auburn and Donald W. (Karen) Dafforn and Roger A. (Judy) Dafforn, both of Churubusco; a brother, Richard (Sue) Deam of Bluffton; three sisters, Joan Machling of Kendallville, Martha (Dwight) Siela of Fort Wayne, and Barbara Gurule of Raleigh, North Carolina; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; several great- and great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Deam and Roger Deam; and by two sisters, Mamie Schrieber and Margaret Schrieber.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Friday from 2 to 8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Churubusco.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Dafforn's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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February 5, 2009, Thursday

Charles Fike

GARRETT — Charles W. "Chuck" Fike, age 77, died on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at his residence in Garrett, Ind.

He was born September 5, 1931, in Corunna, Ind., to Arthur Fike Sr. and Elva M. Harter. He married Donna Hollis on August 19, 1950, in Corunna, Ind. She survives in Garrett, Ind.

He was the founder of Fike's Machine Shop in Garrett, retiring in 1988.

He was a member of Zion 16 Lutheran Church in Corunna, Ind.

Chuck was an avid bowler, golfer and bridge player.

Survivors include his son and daughter in-law, Gary and Julie Fike of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a grandson, Brandon Fike of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a brother, James Fike of Garrett, Ind.; and a sister, Beverly Thurman of Garrett, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harold Fike and Arthur Fike; and a sister, Edna Schulthess.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2007, from 10 a.m. until noon at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind.

The funeral service will follow at noon at the funeral home, with Pastor John Stuck officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials are to Zion 16 Lutheran Church.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

John Flory

ALBION — John W. Flory, 83, of Albion died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Flory was a lifelong Noble County resident and farmer. In addition to grain and dairy farming, he began driving school bus for Wolf Lake Schools and 18 years later retired driving bus for Central Noble Schools.

Mr. Flory

He was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

He was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Albion to Cassius and Ada (Pippinger) Flory. He married Lorene M. Dominy on Sept. 22, 1945. She died June 26, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Greg (Candace) Flory of Albion; a daughter, Patricia (Ralph) Butler of Albion; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Ginger Reichard.

A private family service will be held at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Edna Wildey

ALBION — Edna Marie Wildey, 86 of Warren and formerly of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at the Heritage Pointe in Warren where she had resided since 2001.

Mrs. Wildey had been an elementary school teacher for the Central Noble Schools in Albion.

Mrs. Wildey

She was also an ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church. She co-pastored the Albion Wesleyan Church along with her husband, Tom.

Mrs. Wildey was a member of the Lancaster Wesleyan Church and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

She was born May 17, 1922, in Bluffton to Charles C. and Cora (Henschen) Wolf. She married the Rev. Thomas A. Wildey on Aug. 7, 1945. He died July 21, 1994.

Surviving are a brother, Gene E. Wolf of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Peggy Sue, who died at birth; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Albion Wesleyan Church in Albion. The Rev. Doug Sharrard and conference officials will officiate. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from2-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road in Albion, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

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Viola Powell

FORT WAYNE — Viola M. Powell, 94, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at Lifecare Center of LaGrange in LaGrange.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Powell

Surviving are a son, Charles Brown of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sandra Hummel of LaGrange 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, William Brown, second husband, Raymond Powell; a son, William Brown; a grandson, Michael Brown; two brothers, Harold McCoy and Charles McCoy; and sisters, Violet Ort and Martha Mapes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

John Rawlings

BRADENTON, FLA. — John E. Rawlings, 78, of Bradenton, Fla., died at 5:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at his residence.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Manatee Lodge No. 31, 2806 56th Ave. Circle E, Bradenton, Fla.

Private family services will be in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Martha Garza

CROMWELL — Martha "Manda" Garza, 46, of Cromwell died at 8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at her rural Cromwell residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Cremation will follow services.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Judith Whitman

EDGERTON, OHIO — Judith Maxine Whitman, 64, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, in Park View Nursing Center.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with burial in West Franklin Cemetery near West Unity, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Park View Nursing Center Activities Fund.

Condolences may be sent to and online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Michelle Hetchler

LAGRANGE — Michelle Leigh (Musser) Hetchler, 35, of LaGrange passed to a better life Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 28, 1973, in Auburn to William Musser and Patricia (Ludwig) Musser.

Michelle loved her feline "Kids," classic rock music, movies, reading, concerts, traveling and meeting new friends on the computer.

Ms. Hetchler

She had worked at The News-Sun in Kendallville and most recently had found her favorite job as an X-ray receptionist at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She not only enjoyed helping care for the ill but also easily made many new friends.

She is survived by her mother and best friend, Pat Musser of Kendallville; her beloved brother, Jeff Musser of Kendallville; her two adored nephews, Zachary Scott and Nicholas Allen Musser, both of Kendallville; her maternal grandfather, Robert Ludwig of Auburn; aunt and uncle, Judy and Bob Battig of Garrett; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father; her maternal grandmother, Barbara Ludwig; an uncle, Richard Ludwig; and paternal grandparents, Ralph and Ruth Musser.

Love and peace be with her till we see her again.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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Elizabeth Smith

ANGOLA — Elizabeth L. Smith, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at her daughter's home in Hillsboro, Ohio.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker.

She was born on April 9, 1921, in Ashley to Fred and Katherine (Karst) Miller. She married Ralph E. Smith on Dec. 20, 1939. He preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1960.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph "Ed" and Barbara Smith of Hebron, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gary Conley of Hillsboro, Ohio; a brother, Frank P. Miller of Ashley; three sisters, Josephine Riddle of Lake City, Fla., Mary Ferris of Niceville, Fla., and Phyllis Hartman of Angola; a half sister, Connie Foley of Elk Grove, Calif.; a stepsister, Patty Clark of Newport Beach, Calif.; two stepbrothers, John Piatek and Gene Piatek, both of Florida; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a stepmother, Francis Piatek-Miller; a son, James P. Smith, who also died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009; a daughter, Susan Ayres; a grandchild, Jeffery Allen Smith; and two sisters, Henrietta Goebel and Francis Lemish.

Combined services for Mrs. Smith and her son will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Gerald C. Machgan of the Flint United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

To send condolences or sign the online guestbook go to wwwhejohnsonfh.com.

James Smith

ANGOLA — James P. Smith, 65, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith worked for Dana Weatherhead in Angola for 28 years and Ingersoll-Rand for 10 years.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was born June 27, 1943, in Hammond to Ralph and Elizabeth (Miller) Smith. He married Lana K. Walter on June 26, 1965, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Zachary J. Smith of Bloomington and Gina and James P. Smith Jr. of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph "Ed" and Barbara Smith of Hebron, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Gary Conley of Hillsboro, Ohio; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph, and mother, Elizabeth, who also died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009; a sister, Susan Ayres; and one grandchild, Jeffery Allen Smith.

Combined services for Mr. Smith and his mother will be at 11 a.m Monday at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Gerald C. Machgan officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To send condolences or sign the online guestbook go to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 7, 2009, Saturday

Martha Garza

CROMWELL — Martha "Manda" Garza, 46, of Cromwell passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 8 a.m. at her home in rural Cromwell with her family at her side.

Ms. Garza had been battling cervical cancer since April of 2006.

Prior to becoming ill, she was a baby sitter.

She moved to the West Noble community 14 years ago from Brownsville, Texas.

Mrs. Garza was a member of the Templo Bethel Church in Ligonier.

She loved flowers, gardening, knitting and family time.

Ms. Garza was born on Aug. 29, 1962, in Brownsville, Texas.

She is survived by four sons and a daughter-in-law, Eliud and Elida Rodriguez of Ligonier, Orlando Rodriguez of Ligonier, Antonio Rodriguez of Cromwell and Manuel Rodriguez of Cromwell; four grandchildren, Emily, Orlando, Evan and Jailene Rodriguez; and a sister, Lety Marta of Ligonier.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St. in Ligonier.

Cremation will follow the services.

Visitation will be on Sunday, February 8, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Janet Chronister

FORT WAYNE — Janet Bosworth Schafer Chronister, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at the Towne House Retirement Center.

Services will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday at McMillen Chapel of First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one hour prior.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Towne House.

Wendy Hunter

CORUNNA — Wendy Lynn Hunter, 52, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at her residence in Corunna.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

A full obituary will appear on Feb. 11.

Judith Whitman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Judith Maxine Whitman, 64, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, in Park View Nursing Center, where she had been a resident for the past year.

She was a graduate of Stryker High School, Stryker, Ohio.

Mrs. Whitman had worked at Pittsfield Products in Hamilton, Ind., for 15 years.

She was born Aug. 26, 1944, in Hillsdale, Mich., to John and Thelma (Dull) Koch. Her mother and stepfather, Thelma and Ronald Schweitzer, survive in Nettle Lake, Ohio. Her father is deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Ronald Dean (Jena) Whitman of Hicksville, Ohio, Gary Whitman of Nottawa, Mich., and Michael (Jackie) Whitman of Edgerton, Ohio; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two sisters, her twin, Julia (Sheldon) Grieser of West Unity, Ohio, and Connie (Robert) Hoffman of Lake Seneca, Ohio.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Tom and Bill Koch.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be in West Franklin Cemetery near West Unity, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Park View Nursing Center Activities Fund.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

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Richard Brady

LAGRANGE — Richard P. Brady, 77, of LaGrange died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Brady

Mr. Brady was the former owner of Brady Stockyards and a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He was a United States Army veteran.

Mr. Brady was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange, LaGrange American Legion Post 215, LaGrange Rotary Club, LaGrange Moose Lodge, the LaGrange County Merit Board and a 19-year member of the LaGrange Fire Department.

He had served on the board of directors of Citizens Bank from 1974-1979.

Mr. Brady was born Feb. 5, 1932, in Kendallville to Michael P. and Eva V. (McGrew) Brady. He married Sandy (Walker) Householder on Oct. 7, 1995, in LaGrange. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula J. and Tim Balk of Elkhart and Anne M. and Joe Billman of LaGrange; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Shelly and Roy Williams and Kim and Steven Clouse, all of Kendallville, and Tonya Householder of Orlando, Fla.; three grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Edwin Beiser and Marilyn and Richard Miller, all of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Michael A. Brady in 1970.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Mark Weaver and Pastor Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with a military graveside service.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Youth of St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Milford Church of Christ, or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip mayfuneralhome.com.

Frannie Lambright

TOPEKA — Fannie A. (Yoder) Lambright, 67, of Topeka died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at her home following a three-week illness.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family home, 4335 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family home.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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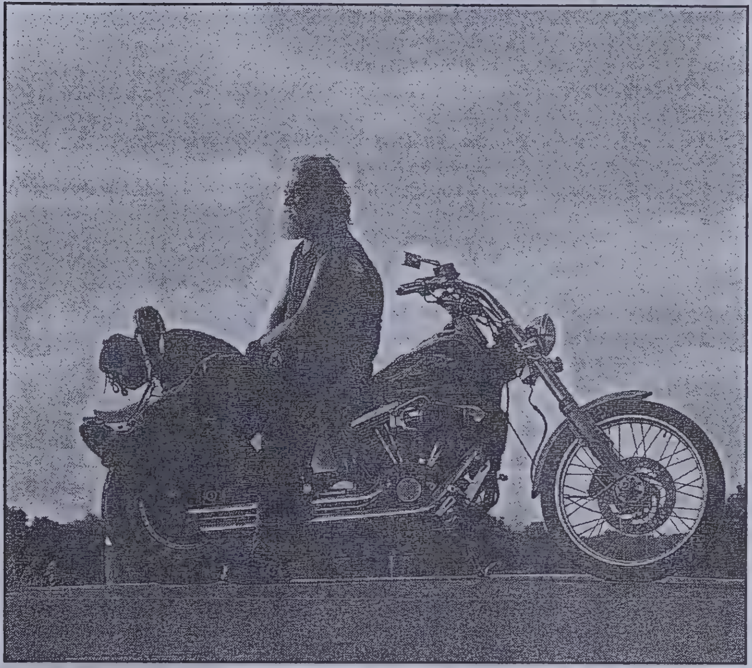
Photos capture essence of Custer



ROD WALKER

Bruce Custer looks off into the sunset in this photo taken by Rod Walker. Custer died Jan. 12 of a heart attack at age 61.

BY SUE CARPENTER
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"If I leave here tomorrow
Would you still remember me
For I must be traveling on now
'Cause there's too many places
I've got to see."
— Lyrics from "Free Bird"
Written by Allen Collins and
Ronnie VanZant of Lynryd Skynyrd

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GARRETT — Bruce Custer never got to see photographs he posed for on his Harley Davidson motorcycle more than a year ago.

But family and friends were stunned with photographer Rod Walker's talent for capturing Custer's spirit while viewing the photo series at the funeral home. Bruce Custer died unexpectedly Jan. 12 of an apparent heart attack while at work at Custer Grain Co. of Garrett.

Walker and Custer rode their motorcycles together in the past and Walker had done some mechanical work on Custer's Harley, as well.

"I was looking for something different to display in our (photography business) window, such as cars and motorcycles," Walker said. "Bruce traditionally looked like an old school-biker. He has that look."

They arranged to meet for a photo shoot about sunset near Waterloo. One setting shows Custer sitting backwards on his Harley situated on a double yellow line on Co. Rd. 23.

"It's sad he never got to see the pictures. I never got around to showing him," Walker said. "You don't think he's not going to be around."

Walker put a slide show together of the photo collection and contacted the funeral home to see if they could use them for the service.

The suddenness of Custer's death left the family unprepared. Walker's collection was added to family albums also on display.

Brian Custer walked into the funeral home to see the bigger-than-life photos of his brother, accompanied by Lynyrd Skynyrd's song,"Free Bird"

"I didn't know about (the photos)," Brian said. "It blew me away."

"Everything happens for a reason. I have to believe there was a reason for it to happen this way," Walker said. People phoned him later to say they were moved by the photos.

One of Bruce's uncles was so moved by the photos, he told Brian he had to leave the room. "He said it was 'too much.' (The photos) were so timely. Thank God (Walker) has those," Brian said.

Bruce Custer's lifetime love of Harleys, cars and trucks was no secret.

His 1968 Coronet RT equipped with a hemi engine is still a legend in Garrett.

"He beat the crap out of that car," said his son, Shane. "He would torture cars."

Custer Grain not yet founded when Bruce graduated from Garrett High School in the '60s.

He began work at Auburn Gear and then for the B&O Railroad. When Custer Grain began operation, he joined the family business as its main truck driver, hauling grain to Ohio every week.

Bruce soon began modifying the semi tractor for speed and power.

"He had a truck the other guys could not beat. They said they never saw the front of Bruce's truck, always the back," Brian said.

Bruce's citizen's band handle was BK. It stood for Boss' Kid.

"Not too many of the other drivers were the son of the company's owner. Bruce loved the name. It was lettered on the truck," Brian said.

Back trouble caused Bruce to step down from the long distance runs and he later spent most of his time driving the ag truck.

"He lost contact with those people for a number of years," Brian said. But many came from long distances to pay their respects at Bruce's funeral. "He was well-known around the area and he made a million friends," Brian said.

Bruce was extremely proud of his son Shane who worked as a test engineer for Harley Davidson in Lincoln, Ala.

"It seemed like destiny for Shane to work for a company that held so much importance to his father," Brian said.

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Shane returned to Indiana to be with his family following the death of his mother, Diana.

"He always thought of the other guy," Shane said of his father. "He was the most trusting guy you ever met. He thought everybody was a nice person."

Brian's wife, Holly, echoed the sentiment.

"He was a good and dedicated. You could always count on him," she said.

She recounted Bruce's determination to drive her brother, Harris "Punk" Hoeffel Jr. and Paul Post of Auburn to their dialysis appointments in Fort Wayne during the blizzard of 1978.

"He had a black truck with high tires. There was not question — he just did it," she said.

Bruce's determination to make the run through the heavy snow might not have been just for humanitarian reasons, but also for the challenge, she laughed.

"Dad always tried to do stuff for the family," Shane said.

Bruce enjoyed helping Brian with his drag racing truck. When a last-minute transmission leak threatened Brian's ability to run in a race, Bruce left in the middle of the night to pick up parts at a Michigan auto parts store, forfeiting a day's wages in the process.

The past few years had been unhappy ones in some ways, but Bruce was returning to activities that brought him pleasure. He recently purchased a dilapidated semi tractor and reworked it with a big motor, according to Brian.

"He was going retro to what he did in the 1970s," Brian said. "He was really excited to kind of go back to where he was in those years — to go where he started. It was fun for him, a place that made him happy."

That spirit was conveyed in Walker's photos at the funeral home.

"We love and miss him very much," Shane said. "I hope he has found a place that brings him happiness."

Janet Chronister

FORT WAYNE — Janet Bosworth Schafer Chronister, 78, of Fort Wayne passed away Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at the Towne House Retirement Center.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1930, to Beatrice Cook Bosworth and Richard Increase Bosworth. She was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Peck. She attended the University of Michigan and graduated in 1952 with a degree in Elementary Education. She was a member of the Collegiate Psorosis Sorority.

In 1952 she married Roland Lynn Schafer, who passed away in 1968. She then married Richard Albert Chronister in 1972, who passed away in 1982.

Janet was an active volunteer, a dedicated educator, loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a jubilee member of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by five daughters, Carolyn and Amer Ashouri, Susan and Christopher Burke, Elizabeth and David Shuck, Julia and Tracy Tipton and Barbara and Jeff Ceresa. She is also survived by two stepsons and one stepdaughter: Tom and MaryLou Chronister, Jack and Stacie Chronister and Sue and Jim Molick. Janet was the loving grandmother of 15 surviving grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all her loved ones.

A memorial service is at 2:30 p.m. today at the McMillan Chapel, First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospice or the Towne House. Arrangements by Klaehn, Fahl and Melton, Wayne Street Chapel.

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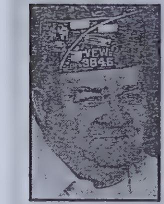
Wilbur Baughman

CHURUBUSCO — Wilbur L. "Web" Baughman, 74, of Churubusco died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2009, in Parkview Hospital Fort Wayne.

Mr. Baughman enlisted in the US Army and served our country during the Korean Conflict. He moved to Fort Wayne and then to Churubusco in 1963. He had worked for Dexter Axle Co. in Albion for 15 years.


Mr. Baughman

His memberships include American Legion Post No. 157 and a life member of the VFW Post 3648, both in Churubusco, where he served in the office of commander for both posts, and the 40 & 8 in Columbia City.

He was born Aug. 20, 1934, in Bergoo, W. Va., to the late Grover C. and Nellie (Cover) Baughman. They preceded him in death. He married Nelly M. Bell on Aug. 20, 1956. She died June 14, 2007.

His survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Alecia and Don Fahl of Columbia City; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Jean Baughman, Wilbur Baughman, Jr., Dennis Baughman, all of Churubusco, and Larry and Julie Baughman of Warsaw; a brother and sister-in-law, Clayton and Mable Baughman of Buckhannon, W.Va.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Bill Stephens officiating. Burial will follow in the Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences to the family may be left at sheetsandchilds.net.

Anel Klopenstein

AUBURN — Anel L. Klopenstein, 96, died Friday, Feb 6, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Chicago, she was a secretary with Northwestern Mutual for 16 years. She graduated from Warsaw High School in 1929 and was a member of the Indian Village Church of God Auburn.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie and Dan Hine of Moorseville; two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Anna Suschycki Ristow; her husband, Alva L. Klopenstein in 1990; and step-son, Jack Klopenstein.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St. Burial will be in Leesburg Cemetery at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service and also from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials to Indian Village Church of God.

Frederick Shisler

LIGONIER — Frederick Duane Shisler, 84, of Ligonier died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Sylvester Beach

ANGOLA — Sylvester K. Beach, 89, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Services are pending at H.E. Johnson Funeral Home, Angola.

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Connie Davis

AUBURN — Connie S. Davis, 57, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne with her family by her side.

Ms. Davis had been courageously battling ovarian cancer since July 2006.

Mrs. Davis

Prior to her illness, she worked at Hudson Industries.

She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Butler, and a member of the Cancer Survivors Group in Auburn. She enjoyed cooking, old cars, spending time with friends, and most of all spending time with her four grandsons.

She was born on March 4, 1951, in Wolf Lake to Ralph and Dorothy (Ellsworth) Mittendorf. They survive in Huntertown.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joel and Kassy Davis, St. Joe, and Ben and Emily Davis, Auburn; four grandsons, Wyatt and Owen Davis, and Landon and Laban Davis; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dave and Cathy Mittendorf of Huntertown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Rev. Mike Halferty officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Veda Owens

STROH — Veda Owens, 87, of Stroh died at 4 a.m. today, Feb. 9, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery near Stroh.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Sylvester Beach

ANGOLA — Sylvester K. Beach, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He was born on July 14, 1919, in LeRoy, Ind., to Earl and Anna (Dunn) Beach.

Mr. Beach was a retired manufacturer engineer and a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was in the Asiatic Pacific and received the victory medal.

He married Frances Marie Kellenburger on Dec. 25, 1940, and she preceded him in death on June 13, 2006.

He lived in Angola since 1986, and was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Angola.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Brenda Beach, Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy E. and Jim Steiss, Hammond, and Deborah L. and Richard Page, Griffith; a sister and brother-in-law, Faith and Chuck Randham of Florida; two grandchildren and spouses, John D. and Kristin Rock, and Christina M. and Mike Rock; and a great-granddaughter, Zofia Rock.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Redina Funeral Home, 5100 Cleveland St., Merrillville, with Pastor Scott Hobbs officiating. Burial will follow in Calumet Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Redina Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Pearl Wade

KENDALLVILLE — Pearl Wade, 86, died at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Woodward Funeral Home, Louisa, Va. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery, Mineral, Va.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and Thursday at Woodward Funeral Home.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Hite Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Frederick Shisler

KIMMELL — Frederick Duane Shisler, 84, of Kimmell died at 4:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sparta United Church of Christ — Handicap Accessible Fund, 2738 U.S. 33, Kimmell, IN 46760 or Kimmell-Baseball-Softball League, P.O. Box 51, Kimmell, IN 46760.

Hannah Sheley

KENDALLVILLE — Hannah Louise Sheley, 82, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in Courtyard Healthcare Center, Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Vern Kiess

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Vern F. Kiess, 96, of Montpelier, Ohio, formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at Hillside Country Living, Bryan, Ohio.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Thompson Funeral Home, 204 E. Main St., Montpelier, Ohio, with burial in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hillside Country Living or Williams County Veterans Memorial Building.

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Pearl Wade

KENDALLVILLE — Pearl Wade, age 86, of Kendallville died Sunday, February 8, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wade was born in Newhall, West Virginia, on November 2, 1922, to George Alexander and Mary Belle (Taylor) Baker. She married Robert Lee Wade on August 19, 1946, in Pikeville, Kentucky. He preceded her death August of 1973.

Mrs. Wade

Mrs. Wade moved to Indiana from West Virginia in 1966 and she worked at Monsanto in Ligonier.

In 1979, she moved back to Mineral, Virginia, to take care of her elderly parents and then in 2007 she came back to Kendallville to live with her son, Gary.

She loved her grandchildren and being home with her family, gardening and quilting.

She was a deeply spiritual woman and had a close personal relationship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Dwight and Marsha Wade of Goshen and Gary and Linda Wade of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Heather and Dana Blucker of Millersburg, Megan Adair of Monrovia, Indiana, Kenneth and Ginger Wade of Goshen, Aaron and Julie Wade of Fort Wayne and Randi Rice of Kendallville; great-grandchildren, Austin, Jace and Jaron Wade, Hunter Wade, Chase and Kaitlyn Blucker and Wade Adair; five brothers, James L. Baker of Hammond, Clarence Baker of Woodbridge, Virginia, Fred and Ina Baker of Mineral, Virgina, Wayne Baker of Chilhowie, Virginia, and Don and Carol Baker of Louisa, Virginia; and two sisters, Mary Moser of Chilhowie, Virginia, and Betsy and Robert Culver of Parsonsburg, Maryland.

She was also preceded in death by parents; brothers, Dimmon, George, Wade, Lee and Willie Baker; and sisters, Rilda Brewster and Vicie Hicks.

Visitation will be today, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Visitation will also be held Thursday, February 12, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Woodward Funeral Home in Louisa, Virginia.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 13, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Woodward Funeral Home, Louisa.

Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Mineral, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute by or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Klein

AUBURN — John "Jerry" Klein, 82, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Klein had been a sales manager for the United Technologies Co. for more than 35 years, retiring in 1986. He then co-founded SCP Inc. in Auburn.

He was a graduate of Logansport High School and Purdue University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

Mr. Klein was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 3, 1926, to John F. and Genevieve (Minneman) Klein. He married Gloria Grant on Sept. 10, 1949, in Logansport. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Ruby Klein of Kailua, Hawaii, Fritz Klein of Auburn, Steven and Susie Klein of Auburn, Bruce Klein of Auburn and Kevin and Marie Klein of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Margaret Klein and Scott Krieg of Auburn; a sister, Carolyn Brink of Logansport; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Grant Klein; a daughter, Marianne Klein; a brother, Joe Klein; a sister, Rosemary Seward; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Babasino Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the funeral Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

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Frederick Shisler

KIMMELL — Frederick Duane Shisler, 84, of Kimmell died at 4:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Shisler had been a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Shisler

He was a farmer and had worked in various occupations through the years including serving as the caretaker of Sparta Cemetery for several years.

Mr. Shisler graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School.

He enjoyed mushroom hunting, dogs, attending his grandchildren's sporting events and most of all spending time with his family whom he dearly loved.

He was born Feb. 13, 1924, in York Township, Noble County, to Enoch and Gertrude (Doll) Shisler. He married Alice Haney on July 15, 1950. She preceded him in death on May 30, 2005.

Surviving are three sons, Roger and Wendy Shisler of Ballston Spa, N.Y., Rex and Kathy Shisler of Albion and Ned and Lisa Shisler of Albion; six daughters, Renee Dodson and her companion John of Albion, Rita and Tom Steele of Kimmell, Nancy and Harry Neff III of Topeka, Norma and Gary Watson of Van Buren, Ind., Nelda and Gilbert Owen of Albion and Carol and Tim Lock of Albion; 11 grandsons, Alex, Travis, Toby, Gavin, Jared, Brandon, Jacob, Calaway, Chad, Ryan and Kyle; seven granddaughters, Pam, Kenna, Kylee, Tracy, Melinda, Darcy and Heather; six great-grandsons; six great-granddaughters; six stepgrandsons; one stepgranddaughter; six stepgreat-grandsons; nine stepgreat-granddaughters; three stepgreat-great-grandsons; and three stepgreat-great-granddaughters; two brothers, John and Sharon Shisler of LaOtto and Ted and Wanda Shisler of Dayton, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Ruth Strater of Albion.

He was also preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Steve Glant and David Dodson, and a stepgreat-grandson, Harry Neff V.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Jim Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Sparta United Church of Christ's Handicap Accessible Fund, 2738 N. U.S. 33, Kimmell, IN 46760 or Kimmell Baseball-Softball League, P.O. Box 51, Kimmell, IN 46760.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Mary Baird

LAGRANGE — Mary K. Baird, 76, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with Pastor Brian VanOsdol of the First Church of God in LaGrange officiating.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Lora Fugate

AVILLA — Lora Fugate, 74, of Avilla died at 7 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at her residence following a battle with cancer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Veda Owens

STROH — Veda Owens, 87, of Stroh died on Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Owens was a homemaker.

Mrs. Owens

She graduated from Hindman (Kentucky) High School in 1939

She was born in Hindman, Ky., on Sept. 4, 1921, to Fielden and Isabel (Ritchie) Combs. She married James Owens in 1941. He preceded her in death Jan. 31, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Renee and William Kennish of Englewood, Fla., and Evelyn Hurt of Wolcottville; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Darwin Hurt in 1994.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betty Lewellyn

AUBURN — Betty J. Lewellyn, 78, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Lewellyn was a homemaker.

She was a member of Auburn First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

She was born May 4, 1930, in Branch County, Mich., to Winnie and Ruby (Forrester) Cobb. She married Glen Lewellyn on June 22, 1952, and he died Sept. 5, 2008.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Kathy Lewellyn of Auburn; a granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, five brothers and three sisters.

There will be no calling or services. Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

John Moore

ALBION — John D. Moore, 69, of Bear Lake, Albion, died at 3:43 a.m. this morning, Feb. 10, 2009, at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Beatrice Link

FORT WAYNE — Beatrice L. (Huber) Link, 100, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at St. Anne Home.

Mrs. Link was a homemaker and caregiver to many.

She had been employed at Murphy's Department Store and Miller's Ice Cream.

Mrs. Link was a member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and Faith Lutheran Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1909, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a stepson, John R. Link of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and several generations of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn H. Link; a stepdaughter, Barbara Menges; a sister, Opal; and two brothers, Carl and Fred Huber.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Greg Smith officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN, or Faith Lutheran Church, 1700 E. Pettit St., Fort Wayne, IN 46806.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 10, 2009, Tuesday

William Beckwith

KENDALLVILLE — William Beckwith, 84, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date at Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Carper

CLIFFORD, Mich. — Donald Lee Carper, 76, of Clifford and formerly of Auburn, Ind., died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at his home in Clifford.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the North Branch American Legion Post in North Branch, Mich.

Hannah Sheley

KENDALLVILLE — Hannah Louise Sheley, 82, of Kendallville and formerly of Ashley and Ligonier died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in Courtyard Healthcare Center at Goshen.

Mrs. Sheley moved to Kendallville from Ashley in 1994. In 2004, she moved to Ligonier. Then in 2007, she moved to Goshen.

For several years she had a paper route, delivering for The News-Sun and the Journal-Gazette.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born Nov. 5, 1926, in Decatur to Daniel Webster and Jennie (Kurtz) Hill.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Edward Walter of Woodburn, Richard Sheley and his friend, Paula Alley, of Millersburg, and Charles and Rosey Sheley of Cromwell; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the chapel at the IOOF Cemetery in New Haven, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Betty Helfrich

COLUMBIA CITY — Betty J. Helfrich, 83, formerly of Columbia City, died at 12:05 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Joanna Hoke

GARRETT — Joanna M. Hoke, 93, of Garrett and Nappanee died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Brethren in Christ Church in Nappanee with the Rev. Jay Williams officiating.

Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, with Pastor Joe Jaher assisting.

Calling will be from 3-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee.

Memorials are to Nappanee Brethren in Christ Church or Brethren in Christ Wold Missions.

THE NEWS SUN
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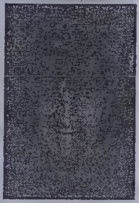
February 11, 2009, Wednesday

Lora Fugate

AVILLA — Lora Fugate, 74, died Sunday, February 8, 2009, at 7 a.m. at her home in Avilla, following a battle with cancer.


Mrs. Fugate

She was born September 10, 1934, in Jackson, Kentucky, to Marion and Allie (Clemmons) Campbell. They are deceased. She was married to Arvil Fugate and he died on October 25, 1991.

She made homemaking her life's work.

She was a member of Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville.

She enjoyed fishing, gardening, planting trees and flowers, bird watching, garage sales, and also enjoyed listening to bluegrass music.

She played cards, painted, loved being outdoors and bowling. She also loved spending time with her great-granddaughter, and doing any activity with her.

Surviving are daughters Wanda Wallen and Evelyn Ransburg, both of Avilla; a granddaughter, Amanda L. Garcia of Avilla; a great-granddaughter, Lilian Garcia of Avilla; three brothers, Marion Campbell Jr. of Albion, John Campbell of Wisconsin and Orville Campbell of Kentucky; five sisters, Nora Baugard of North Carolina, Dora Horton of Albion, Cora Glaman of Montana, Vina Campbell of Kentucky and Stella Thomas of Illinois.

She is preceded in death by her husband; a son, David Fugate on May 24, 1992; her parents; brothers, Arnold, Hargas and Chester Campbell; and sisters, Zola, Perla and Dosha Campbell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fugate will be Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. The Rev. Charles Mosley, the Rev. Ernie Miller and the Rev. Mark McCue will officiate. Burial following the service will be at Rehoboth Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 today at the funeral home.

Mary Riddle

ALBION — Mary Catherine Riddle, 84, of Noble Township, Noble County, died at 1:06 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City, where she was admitted Sunday.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with burial in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Wendy Hunter

CORUNNA — Wendy Lynn Hunter, 52, of Corunna died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Hunter

Mrs. Hunter was a homemaker.

She was a member of The Hens Quilting Club and a supporter of the Kendallville Humane Society.

She was born on April 4, 1956, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She married Patrick A. Hunter on Nov. 12, 1983. He survives at Corunna.

Also surviving are her father, Mort Holcomb of Fort Wayne; her mother, Vickey Gleason of Kendallville; three daughters, Jodie Davis of Florida; Jamie (Bill) Gross of Toledo, Ohio, and Cherie Oden of Fort Wayne; a son, Jason (Shelly) Hunter of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; two brothers, John (Pam) Gleason of Lafayette and Corky (Donna) Gleason of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Shirley (Gene) Gage of Arizona.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 4-7 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with a celebration of life service to take place at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Humane Society.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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William Beckwith

KENDALLVILLE — William Beckwith, 84, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Beckwith

Mr. Beckwith had owned Beckwith Heating & Plumbing in Kendallville for many years. In his later years, he owned Bill's Shoe Repair in Kendallville for about 11 years. He had also owned Knieffer's Bait Shop on Steinbarger Lake near Wawaka.

He was a life member and past commander of the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and was also an Indiana Past District Commander. He was also a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

Mr. Beckwith attended Butler High School. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was a prisoner of war in Germany.

He was born in Cadillac, Mich., on July 3, 1924, to Frank and Hazel (Knapp) Beckwith. He married Betty Lou Johnston on Sept. 6, 1947, in Auburn. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sherry and Dick Caldwell of Fort Wayne; a son, Jerry Erwin of Chandler, Ariz.; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn Obendorf of Montpelier, Ohio; and a brother, Jack Beckwith of Montpelier.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Frankie and Darwin; four sisters, Norma, Lillian, Donna, and his infant twin, Wilma; and two stepbrothers, Tom and Bob Preston.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Glen Nodine

GARRETT — Glen G. Nodine, age 79, died on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 8:06 a.m. at his residence in Garrett, Ind.

Mr. Nodine

He was born on August 1, 1929, in Garrett, Ind., to Walter and Dolly (Curtland) Nodine and they preceded him in death. He married Patricia A. Rhodes on April 15, 1940, and she died on January 19, 2003.

He was an Army veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Mr. Nodine worked at McCray Refrigeration until its closing. He owned "the Hi Spot Tavern" in Garrett from 1971-1984. He had worked at Kitchen Quip and Tesco in Waterloo, Ind., retiring in 1993.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, the J.C.s, Eagles, Elks and the American Legion of Garrett.

Glen is survived by two sons, Michael and Mary Jane Nodine and Jon Nodine, all of Garrett, Ind.; two daughters, Cynthia DeWitt of Garrett, Ind., and Ralana and Bradley Pontius of Garrett, Ind.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Dane DeWitt, Leandra DeWitt, Denissa Geeting, Anitra McClure, Todd Nodine, Beth Pontius, Adam Pontius, Alex Nodine and Nick Nodine. The great-grandchildren surviving are Synndel DeWitt, Allyssia DeWitt, Dyllian Fender, Cheyenne Jensen, Casey Pontius, Caleb Grim, Bryce Nodine, London Nodine, Thackery McDonald, Sabin McClure, Abbey Geeting and Autumn Geeting.

Glen was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia A. Nodine; a son in-law, Forrest DeWitt; a great-grandchild, Preston Nodine; three brothers; and two sisters.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind.

The funeral service will take place on Friday, February 13, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery with graveside military services by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health and Hospice or for Cerebral Palsy.

To send a condolence or sign the on line guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 11, 2009, Wednesday

Richard Wirth

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — Richard Wirth, 76, of Roseville died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, with his family at his side.

He was an active member of St. Clare Parish in Roseville.

He was born Aug. 19, 1932, in Evansville, Ind., to Harold and Izetta Wirth.

Mr. Wirth

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Gerry Wirth; his children, Michael Wirth, Timothy Wirth, Mary Wirth and Jane Toppings; two daughters-in-law, Chris Wirth and Deanna Wirth; a son-in-law, Milton Toppings; his grandchildren; and his sisters, Patricia Correia and Margie Cron of Auburn, Ind.

Funeral services will be Thursday at St. Clare Church, 1950 Junctin Blvd., Roseville, Calif.

A vigil will be held at 4:30 p.m. today at the church.

Chapel of the Valley Funeral Home in Citrus Heights, Calif., is in charge of arrangements.

John Moore

ALBION — John D. "Big John" Moore, 69, of Bear Lake near Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier following an extended illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Private burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Geneva.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Living Waters Lutheran Church, 1197 S. U.S. 33, Wolf Lake, IN 46796.

James Kemp

CHURUBUSCO — James Kemp, 70, of Churubusco died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Alice Klinger

ST. MARYS, Ohio — Alice "Fay" Klinger, 61, of St. Marys and formerly of the Auburn and Garrett areas died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at Joint Township District Hospital in St. Marys following a short illness.

Services were held in Ohio.

Betty Helfrich

COLUMBIA CITY — Betty J. Helfrich, 83, of Auburn and formerly of Waterloo and Columbia City died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Helfrich

Mrs. Helfrich had worked for Whitley Products for a year, and assisted with the operations of V&H Oil Co. from 1966 until 1971. She had worked at the Dairy Queen in Waterloo for nine years.

She was a graduate of Larwill High School.

Mrs. Helfrich was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church.

She was born March 25, 1925, in Whitley County to William Glenn and Ellen C. (Goodman) Shook. She married William O.V. Helfrich on Sept. 18, 1943. He died Dec. 5, 2008.

Surviving are a son, Richard L. "Rick" (JoAnn) Helfrich of Auburn; two daughters, Carol Ann (Carlos) Buckles of Columbia City and Linda J. "Lin" Helfrich of Auburn; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joan DeLor of Detroit, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Sarah E. Shook, and a brother, Robert L. Shook.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Kenneth Walker, pastor of Argos United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Jack Spillner

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jack Edward Spillner, 64, of South Bend died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at 2:10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

Mr. Spillner grew up in Wolcottville. He resided in the Fort Wayne State School for a number of years. For the last 15 years he resided at the Dungarvin Twyckenham Group Home in South Bend. He had worked at Logan Industries in South Bend for eight years.

He was born July 30, 1944, in Wolcottville to Gerald Frank "Jerry" and Katherine M. (Biddle) Spillner.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Katherine M. and William Blanchard of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sherril L. and Gregory Garlat of Union, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Daniel G. and Judy Spillner of Eagan, Minn.; and two stepsisters, Brenda Perry of LaGrange and Patricia Parker of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald "Jerry" Spillner on Sept. 20, 2007, and a brother, Johnny Spillner.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Jack Thomas of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Dungarvin Twyckenham Group Home, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 11, 2009 Wednesday

Robert M. Thompson, 60

COLUMBIA CITY – Robert M. Thompson, age 60, of Columbia City, IN died at 7:40 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009 at New Haven Care and Rehab Center, New Haven, IN.

He was born in Whitley County, IN on October 9, 1948, the son of Robert M. and Ellen M. (Coyle) Thompson. He was a lifetime resident of Whitley County, IN til 2003, when he entered the nursing home. He graduated from Columbia City Joint High School with the Class of 1967.

He married Diane K. Rumsyre on July 18, 1970 at Washington United Methodist Church. He served in the United States Navy and was a former Allen Dairy employee working in maintenance department and last was employed with C&R Plating in Columbia City, IN as a maintenance supervisor.

Survivors included his two sons, Robert M. (Brenda) Thompson of South Whitley, IN; Chad D. (Tabitha) Thompson of Albion, IN; one daughter, Amber K. (Matthew) Joley of Fort Wayne, IN; nine grandchildren; four brothers and sisters, Judy (Mike) Coleman of Glen Carbon, IL; Steve (Cindy) Thompson of Columbia City, IN; Brenda (Kevin) Stanley of Columbia City, IN and Tom Thompson of Glen Carbon, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and former wife, Diane K. Thompson.

Funeral services were at DeMoney Grimes funeral home with Funeral Celebrant Sharon Brockhaus officiating. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City, IN.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mr. Thompson to the Thompson family. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, please log on to www.demoneygrimes.com. (If your newspaper is on our email distribution list, a photo has been sent)

Editor's Note:
This obituary is being reprinted to coreect information provided by the family.

Clarence Edward Pease, 96

Clarence Edward Pease, age 96, of Kendallville died on Monday, February 2, 2009 at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mr. Pease was born in Dunkirk, Indiana on July 9, 1912 to Godfrey and Ethel (French) Pease.

He married Cleo Johnson on February 27, 1938 in Columbia City and she preceded his death October 17, 2005.

He was a retired independent milk hauler for 40 years. He sold his route in 1972.

He also drove school bus for 11 years for Dekalb Schools.

Clarence was a member of the Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and also a past member of EUB Church of Linn Grove, Indiana and the Indiana Farm Bureau.

Survivors include: two sons, Marvin (Donna) Pease of Albion, and Bobby (Linda) Pease of Bloomington; five grandchildren: Jason Pease of Albion, John Pease of Avilla, Monica Rupert of Scotts, Michigan, William Pease of Bloomington, and Michael Pease of Chicago; nine great grandchildren; half brother, Burl Pease of Roanoke; half sisters, Charlotte Wells of Michigan and Zephyne of Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Tucker and brother, DeLoren Pease.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 5, 2009, from 3:00-7:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Friday, February 6, 2009 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Kathleen Haller.

Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Hill.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 11, 2009 Wednesday

Frederick Duane Shisler, 84

KIMMELL – Frederick Duane Shisler, age 84 died on February 7, 2009 at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier, IN. of natural causes.

Mr. Shisler was born in York Twp., Indiana on February 13, 1924 to Enoch and Gertrude (Doll) Shisler.

He married Alice Haney on July 15, 1950 and she preceded his death May 30, 2005.

Mr. Shisler was a lifelong area resident.

He was a farmer and had worked in various occupations over the years including serving as the caretaker of Sparta Cemetery for several years

He was a graduate of Albion-Jefferson High School. He enjoyed mushroom hunting, dogs, attending his grandchildren's sporting events and above all spending time with his family whom he loved dearly.

Survivors include: three sons, Roger (Wendy) Shisler of Ballston Spa, NY, Rex (Kathy) Shisler of Albion and Ned (Lisa) Shisler of Albion; six daughters, Renee Dodson (Companion John) of Albion, Rita (Tom) Steele of Kendallville, Nancy (Harry) Neff III of Topeka, Norma (Gary) Watson of VanBuren, IN, Nelda (Gilbert) Owen of Albion, and Carol (Tim) Lock of Albion; eleven grandsons, Alex, Travis, Toby, Gavin, Jared, Brandon, Jacob, Calaway, Chad, Ryan and Kyle; seven granddaughters, Pam, Kenna, Kylee, Tracy, Melinda, Darcy and Heather; six great-grandsons; six great-granddaughters; six step-grandsons, 1 step-granddaughter; six step-great-grandsons; nine step-great-granddaughters; three step-great-great grandsons; three step-great-great-granddaughters; two brothers, John (Sharon) Shisler of LaOtto and Ted (Wanda) Shisler of Dayton, OH; and one sister-in-law, Ruth Strater of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; two son-in-laws, Steve Glant and David Dodson; 1 step-great-grandson, Harry Neff V.

Funeral Service was at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, IN.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Jim Barnes.

Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Sparta United Church of Christ- Handicap Accessible Fund, 2738 North US Highway 33, Kimmell, IN 46760 or Kimmell Baseball-Softball League PO Box 51, Kimmell, IN 46760.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

John W. Flory, 83

ALBION – John W. Flory, 83, lifelong Noble County farmer, died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at his home.

He was born August 14, 1925 in Albion, Indiana a son of Cassius and Ada (Pippinger) Flory. A lifelong resident of Noble County, he graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On September 22, 1945 he was united in marriage to Lorene M. Dominy. They always made their home on a farm in Noble Township. Mrs. Flory died on June 26, 1993.

In addition to grain and dairy farming, he began driving school bus for Wolf Lake Schools and 18 years later retired driving bus for Central Noble Schools.

Surviving relatives include a son, Greg (Candace) Flory and a daughter, Patricia (Ralph) Butler, both of Albion; six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Ginger Reichard.

A private family service will be held at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 11, 2009 Wednesday

Lora Fugate, 74

AVILLA - Lora Fugate, age 74, died Sunday February 8, 2009 at 7:00 AM at her home in Avilla, following a battle with cancer.

She was born September 10, 1934 in Jackson, Kentucky, to Marion and Allie (Clemmons) Campbell, both deceased. She was married to Arvil Fugate, he died on October 25, 1991. She made homemaking her life's work. She was a member of Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville.

She enjoyed fishing, gardening, planting trees and flowers, bird watching, garage sales, and also enjoyed listening to bluegrass music. She played cards, painted, and loved being outdoors and bowling. She also loved spending time with her great granddaughter, and doing any activity with her.

Surviving are two daughters, Wanda Wallen and Evelyn Ransburg, both of Avilla; a granddaughter, Amanda L. Garcia of Avilla and a great granddaughter, Lilian Garcia of Avilla; three brothers, Marion Campbell Jr. of Albion, John Campbell of Wisconsin, Orville Campbell of Kentucky; five sisters, Nora Baugard of North Carolina, Dora Horton of Albion, Cora Glaman of Montana, Vina Campbell of Kentucky, and Stella Thomas of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, David Fugate on May 24, 1992; her parents; three brothers, Arnold, Hargas and Chester Campbell; and three sisters, Zola, Perla andDosha Campbell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fugate will be Thursday February 12, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 North Main St., Avilla. Rev. Charles Mosley, Rev. Ernie Miller and Rev. Mark McCue will officiate. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial following the service will be at Rehoboth Cemetery in Albion.

Veda Owens, 87

STROH – Veda Owens, age 87, of Stroh, died on Monday, February 9, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Owens was born in Hindman, Kentucky on September 4, 1921 to Fielden and Isabel (Ritchie) Combs.

She graduated from Hindman High School in 1939 and married James Owens in 1941.

He preceded her death January 31, 1986.

Mrs. Owens was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking and canning.

Survivors include: two daughters, Renee (William) Kennish of Englewood, Florida and Evelyn Hurt of Wolcottville; four grandchildren, William Kennish of Norfolk, Virginia, Glynis Fulford, Willie VanHurt of Brimfield and James Harold Hurt, five great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Darwin Hurt in 1994

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 11, 2009, from 3:00-7:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Mike Hamm.

Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

View a video tribute by Wednesday, February 11, 2009 or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 11, 2009 Wednesday

John D. Moore, 69

ALBION – John D. "Big John" Moore, age 69 died February 10, 2009 at 3:43 AM at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier. He passed away after an extended illness. He was born in Dunkirk, IN on November 7, 1939 the son of Fred and Thelma (Weaver) Moore.

John was a lifetime resident of Noble County. He married Deloris E. (Hirschy Moore on Sept. 17, 2001.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. After working 30 plus years he retired from Dana Corporation in 1995.

Survivors include: his wife Deloris Moore of Bear Lake; one son, Shane (Sharon Dotson, his companion) Moore of Ligonier; one daughter, Lisa (Leo) Vivaldo of Goshen; four step-sons, Michael (Karen) Hirschy of Portland, IN, Kevin (Dorene) Hirschy of Monro, IN, Stewart Hirschy of Bluffton, IN and Olen Hirschy of New Haven, IN; five grandchildren, fifteen step-grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and three brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be Friday, February 13, 2009, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 11:00 am at Yeager Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor James Haugen.

Private burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Geneva, Indiana.

Memorial contributions to Living Waters Lutheran Church, 1197 S. US 33, Wolf Lake, IN 46796.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 12, 2009, Thursday

Mary Riddle

ALBION — Mary Catherine Riddle, 84, of Noble County died at 1:06 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she was admitted on Sunday.

Mrs. Riddle

Mrs. Riddle assisted with the family farming operation until 1987. She also sold eggs for many years, worked at Weatherhead for six years and did cake decorating for many years.

She was a 1942 graduate of Washington Center High School.

Mrs. Riddle was a member of St. Matthews United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Rural Youth of Whitley County, active with the Whitley County Christmas Celebration for more than 20 years, former director of Farmer's Mutual Insurance Co. of Noble County and was involved with mission work in Whitley and Noble counties including local food pantries.

She was born Aug. 8, 1924, in Whitley County to Elmer Jacob and Daisy Ann (Buffenbarger) Cox. She married Stanley James Riddle on Nov. 21, 1946. He died Oct. 21, 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Fred Alvin (Mariann) Riddle and John Edward (Sharon) Riddle, both of Albion; six grandchildren, Julie, Kevin, Jody, Amy, Sara and Steven; two sisters, Louise Easterday and Pauline Scott, both of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Dot E. Cox of Columbia City.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roy Scott Riddle, and a brother, Eldon E. Cox.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Michael Dillon officiating. The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

John Gallagher

LAGRANGE — John K. Gallagher, 84, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at Life Care Center, LaGrange.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorial Masses may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at wwwfruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Helen Stacy

WOLCOTTVILLE — Helen M. Stacy, 82, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville.

Salome Schwartz

FREMONT — Salome Schwartz, 74, of Quincy, Mich., died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2008, at her home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at the family residence at 535 Colvin Road, Quincy.

Burial was in Girod Cemetery at Reading, Mich.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont was in charge of arrangements.

Michelle Hetchler

LAGRANGE — Michelle Leigh (Musser) Hetchler, 35, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A celebration of her life will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Kendallville Youth Center, 211 E. Iddings St.

James Kemp

CHURUBUSCO — James Reichard Kemp, 70, of Churubusco died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with rosary at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses or donor's choice.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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George Kandel

BUTLER — George V. Kandel, 78, of Butler died Wednesday at his home.

He was born on December 13, 1930, in Franklin Township to Howard and Helen (Smurr) Kandel.

Mr. Kandel

George was a graduate of Butler High School and Tri-State College. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

He was the retired owner of Kandel Insurance Agency for more than 30 years.

George was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church; Forest Lodge 239 F.&A.M.; Scottish Rite Fort Wayne Valley; Butler American Legion Post 202; the International RSP Collectors, serving as president and board member; a former member of the Butler Rotary; a former member and president of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board; and a former Butler City councilman.

He married Gwyneth Manges on June 8, 1956, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary and Darlene Kandel of Kendallville and David Kandel of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Cheryl Rogers of West Lafayette, Ind.; a sister, Lila Jean McConnell of Chapmansville, W.Va.; five grandchildren, Matthew, Megann and Kara Rogers and Jaclyn and Karly Kandel; two stepgrandchildren, Erica (Chris) Wehrmeister and Adam (Chele) VanWagner; and a stepgreat-grandson, Ethan VanWagner.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Herbert; and a sister, Kathryn Hall.

Funeral services for George V. Kandel will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Butler United Methodist Church, 501 W. Green St., Butler, with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery with military honors by the Butler American Legion.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to the service Saturday. A Masonic service will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or Eastside Area Foundation.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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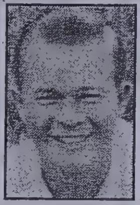
Thomas Mason

AUBURN — Thomas E. Mason, 92, of Auburn died February 10, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born June 23, 1916, in Corunna, Ind., to Milo and Bithamae (Luttman) Mason.


Mr. Mason

He lived in Auburn most of his life and in the same home for the past 63 years.

On September 9, 1943, he married Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Griebel in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death in 1979.

As a youth, Tom helped his family by working as a golf caddy and other jobs while participating in various school sport teams, receiving awards in basketball, football and track. He was elected class president, president of the Athletic Association, yearbook staff athletic editor, vice president of Hi-Y, and captain of the basketball team. He also joined the golf team his senior year where he developed a lifelong love of the game, going to the State Finals and later winning the club championship at the Auburn Country Club. He graduated from Auburn High School with the class of 1936.

Tom worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne where he learned to be an engraving plate maker. In 1949, he went to work at Messengers in Auburn where he made the plate that is used for a well-known picture of Jesus. When the plate was sold to Fort Wayne Engraving, Tom was hired to set up their new department. He retired from Fort Wayne Engraving in 1981.

He raised funds to build the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn and was a member the rest of his life. He was a life-member of the Auburn Elks Lodge where he and Betty played bingo, worked on various committees and loved to dance and visit with friends.

Tom coached youth baseball when his boys were young and attended DeKalb basketball games until his health prevented it. He loved the sport and was especially fond of the Pacers.

Tom most enjoyed spending time at home with his family and puttering around the house. He took a lot of pride in being a good husband, dad and grandpa.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Jon Law of Sherwood, Michigan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Jane Mason of Auburn and Joe and Linda Mason of Roanoke; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and his sister, Rosalyn "Dode" Thorn.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and two sisters, Bernadine Wheeler and Maxine Chorpenning.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., with calling one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

If you wish to make a memorial donation in Tom's memory, the family asks that you consider the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, IN 46706.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Helen Stacy

WOLCOTTVILLE — Helen M. Stacy, 82, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stacy has lived in this area for 48 years, coming from Kentucky.

She had worked at Flint & Walling Manufacturing in Kendallville, at the LaGrange County Hospital and at Starcraft in Topeka.

She was a member of the Wolcottville Baptist Church and the Order of Eastern Star.

She was born June 21, 1926, in Leslie County, Ky., to Granville and Ida (Valentine) Begley. She married Wayne Stacy on Jan. 21, 1953, in Hazard, Ky. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 1990.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harold and Connie Colwell of Scott Depot, W.Va., and Larry Stacy and his companion, Cherie Palmer, of Wolcottville; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bernice Lewis of Florence, Ky.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. today at the Wolcottville Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Keith Perry officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the church.

Additional services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Engle-Walker Funeral Home, 301 E. Main St., Hazard, Ky.

Calling in Kentucky will be from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Hazard, Ky.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Roger Mann

ANGOLA — Roger Mann, 58, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Mann was a chef and had worked on the Delta Queen on the Mississippi River at New Orleans.

He had previously lived in Florida and Colorado.

Mr. Mann was a 1968 graduate of Angola High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Culinary Institute of America. He was also a graduate of ITT in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 30, 1950, in Angola to Richard L. and Crystal M. (Parrish) Mann. His father died Nov. 6, 1995, and his mother survives in Angola.

Also surviving are at sister, Denise and Foss Hicks of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Randy and Delora Mann of Angola; and many nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Charles Petre

WATERLOO — Charles F. Petre, 57, died Thursday Feb. 12, 2009 at his home in Waterloo.

He worked at Airway Manufacturing in Auburn and was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

He was born Dec. 5, 1951, in Garrett to Frederick D. and Mary G. (Cook) Petre. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Waterloo.

He married Sandra Bricker on Dec. 27, 1985, in Coldwater, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Luv Renee Hogan of Waterloo; a son, Charles F. Crager; two granddaughters, Stephannie and Shannyn Hogan, both of Waterloo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Carol Petre of Auburn and Frederick Jr. and Valerie Petre of Ashley; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Bev and Pat Blanton of Ashley, Barb Sanders of Auburn and Beth and Tom Jensen of Ashley.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, at New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate.

Memorials can be directed to American Cancer Society or Heartland Home Health and Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

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Merlyn Hess

FORT WAYNE — Merlyn Edward Hess, 77, went to his eternal home on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Hess

He was born May 22, 1931, in Kendallville but was a lifelong resident of Huntertown where he farmed for more than 50 years.

Merlyn graduated from Huntertown High School in 1949, was a member of the Naval Reserves for ten years, and drove a school bus for NACS for 45 years.

He was a charter member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church where he served as an elder. Merlyn was strongly committed to his faith and his family.

He loved the outdoors and working with his hands.

He will be sorely missed by his loving wife, Dorette; and six children, Dan (Cindy), Jeff (Lana), Julie (Gary) Striggle, Matt (Mary), David (Teresa), Jennifer (Keith) Vilders; twenty-five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by brother, George (Doris); and sisters, Ruth Heffelfinger, Ilene (Paul) Stein and Lois (Wayne) Diehm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lenore; four brothers; and a sister.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 11228 Coldwater Road, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Thomas Speidel will officiate.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Memorials are to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

Mary Williamson

AUBURN — Mary Ellen Williamson, 89, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 3, 1920, in LaOtto to James and Florence Zolman. She married John Williamson on Feb. 26, 1936. He died Jan. 16, 1978.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra and Glen Rumsey of LaGrange, Judith D. Studebaker of Auburn and JoAnn Marzoline of Fresno, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jan D. and Polly Williamson of Rome City and John D. Williamson of Waterloo; 20 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, James Williamson; a granddaughter, Gale Lynn Tucker; two sons-in-law, Thomas Studebaker and George Marzoline; two brothers; and seven sisters.

A memorial dinner will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at the home of her daughter, Judith Studebaker, 1313 Timber Trace, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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James Kemp

Mr. Kemp

CHURUBUSCO — James Kemp 70, of Churubusco died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kemp was a tool designer and had been employed with Lockhead in Simi Valley, Calif. He later was employed with Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for about 20 years until he retired in 1999.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Mr. Kemp was born Dec. 21, 1938, in Syracuse to James R. Kemp Sr. and Louella (Reichard) Kemp. He married Rose Marie Kiebel on July 3, 2004. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jim and Michelle Kemp of New Port Richey, Fla., and Jeffrey Kemp of Spring Hill, Fla.; and three granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Gloria Zink.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in New Haven.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with a rosary service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses or charity of the donor's choice.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Gallagher

LAGRANGE — John K. Gallagher, 84, of LaGrange, Ind., died Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

In 1977, Mr. Gallagher moved to LaGrange from Logan, Ohio. He had a long, successful business career for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron and Logan, Ohio, and at Dometic in LaGrange.

Having a passion for basketball, he played for Cuyahoga Falls High School, John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, and the Akron Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. team while employed there.

A United States Army veteran, he interrupted his college career to serve during World War II. He served in Australia, the Philippines and New Guinea. After returning home, he graduated from John Carroll University in 1948.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange and a former member of the LaGrange Rotary Club.

He loved to take care of his garden and fruit trees, to watch sports and to bird watch. He loved to do woodworking.

Mr. Gallagher was born on April 17, 1924, in Winchester, Tenn., to the late Dominic and Lena (Knies) Gallagher. On August 30, 1947, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, he married Bess H. Sevdalis. Mrs. Gallagher survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Mark and Veronica Gallagher of Vinton, La., Daniel and Diane Gallagher of Lancaster, Ohio, Jeffrey D. Gallagher of Scotts Valley, Calif., and John and Kimberly Gallagher of Goshen, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were three sisters and two brothers.

A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will be Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorial Masses may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Paul Prickett

ALBION — Paul Prickett, 92, died at 12:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, where he had been admitted on Feb. 5.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion. Burial will be At Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to the Asbury United Methodist Church.

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Marlene Gnagy

HAMILTON — Marlene A. Gnagy, 72, of Hamilton died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

Mrs. Gnagy was a waitress for several years for Lakers Restaurant in Hamilton.

Mrs. Gnagy

She was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

She was born Dec. 18, 1936, in Auburn to Horace and Mabel (Byers) Husselman.

Surviving are a daughter, Kim Gnagy of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Sarah Gnagy of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Graham and Carmen Gnagy; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Larry Grantham of Hamilton; six nieces including Lori Hickey of Pleasant Lake; and four nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jeffrey Gnagy; and a daughter, Lisa K. Gnagy.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St, Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the funeral service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Paul Prickett

ALBION — Paul Prickett, 92, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at 12:45 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where he had been a patient since Feb. 5.

Mr. Prickett served as the Noble County recorder for eight years, and retired from the Noble County abstract office after many years of service.

Mr. Prickett was a World War II Army veteran, having served in Europe.

He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church, the Albion American Legion Post 240, the Wolf Lake VFW, Albion Masonic Lodge 97, F&A.M., and the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 18, 1916, in Albion to Pindell and Grace (Payton) Prickett. He married Mary Elizabeth Miller on Dec. 31, 1940. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three sisters, Elizabeth Stuckman of Nappanee and Mary Lois Radcliffe and Esther Helmke, both of Fort Wayne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, John, Joe and Ben Prickett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Brett Brymier officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Xavier Crabtree

ANGOLA — Xavier Warren Crabtree, 4 months, son of Adam J. and Victoria (Canon) Crabtree of Orland, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorials are to the family in care of Victoria M. Crabtree.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Elva Cook

ALBION — Elva E. Cook, 92, of Albion, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at 5:15 a.m. at Parkview Nobl Hospital in Kendallville.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funera Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Rick Van Horn will officiate. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Memorials are to Noble County Relay for Life.

Karen Sommers

MOUNTAINVIEW, Ark. — Karen A. Sommers, 52, of Mountainview died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at her home.

A memorial service is scheduled for today in Arkansas.

Ralph Rupert

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Rupert, 71, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

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Lora Fugate

AVILLA — Lora Fugate, 77, died Sunday, February 8, 2009, at 7 a.m. at her home in Avilla, following a battle with cancer.

She was born September 10, 1931, in Jackson, Kentucky, to Marion and Allie (Clemmons) Campbell. They are deceased. She was married to Arvil Fugate and he died on October 25, 1991.

Mrs. Fugate

She made homemaking her life's work.

She was a member of Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville.

She enjoyed fishing, gardening, planting trees and flowers, bird watching, garage sales, and also enjoyed listening to bluegrass music.

She played cards, painted, loved being outdoors and bowling. She also loved spending time with her great-granddaughter, and doing any activity with her.

Surviving are daughters Wanda Wallen and Evelyn Ransburg, both of Avilla; a granddaughter, Amanda L. Garcia of Avilla; a great-granddaughter, Lilian Garcia of Avilla; three brothers, Marion Campbell Jr. of Albion, John Campbell of Wisconsin and Orville Campbell of Kentucky; five sisters, Nora Baugard of North Carolina, Dora Horton of Albion, Cora Glaman of Montana, Vina Campbell of Kentucky and Stella Thomas of Illinois.

She is preceded in death by her husband; a son, David Fugate on May 24, 1992; her parents; brothers, Arnold, Hargas and Chester Campbell; and sisters, Zola, Perla and Dosha Campbell.

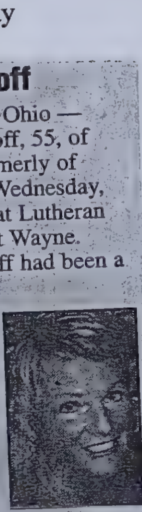
Funeral services for Mrs. Fugate were held Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. The Rev. Charles Mosley, the Rev. Ernie Miller and the Rev. Mark McCue officiated. Burial was in at Rehoboth Cemetery in Albion.

Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Trudy Bischoff

WAUSEON, Ohio — Trudy S. Bischoff, 55, of Angola and formerly of Wauseon died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bischoff had been a middle school teacher at Burr Road Middle School in Wauseon for 25 years, and had also been the Napoleon High School guidance counselor for three years.


Mrs. Bischoff

She was a graduate of Wauseon High School. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ohio University in 1975 and received a master's degree in school counseling from the University of Toledo in 1987.

She was born in Wauseon on June 25, 1953, to Wally and Phyllis (Bressler) Praet. They survive in Wauseon.

She married Tim Bischoff. He survives at Lake James near Angola.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Jamie Bischoff of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Trishia and Ryan Bergquist of Angola; two grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Becky and Larry Christy and Tracy and Greg Kuhlman, all of Archbold.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Caspar Catholic Church in Wauseon with the Rev. Edward Schleter officiating. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery in Napoleon.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday in the Pope John XXIII Room at St. Caspar Catholic Church, where a Scripture service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the college education fund for Mrs. Bischoff's grandchildren.

The Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.grisierfh.com.

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Munger's piano brought joy, friendship

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Helen Munger played piano professionally at clubs and hotels throughout northeast Indiana.

SNOW LAKE — Helen Munger made music and lake life a joyous part of her and her friends' lives.

Munger, 95, died Jan. 25, in Fort Wayne, where she had lived since 2002.

Munger played several instruments from an early age, and that love of music stayed with her throughout he life, said her daughter, Donna Ionni.

"My grandparents made sure that all their children had music lessons, whether it was an instrument or singing," Ionni said. "Music was a very important in my mother's family."

Munger grew proficient enough, Ionni said, that she ended up helping out a number of her fellow students at Orland High School as an accompanist during state competitions.

"She would have so many folks to accompany that when it came time for her to perform she couldn't remember her own music," Ionni said.

When Ionni was born, her mother was already performing music professionally, though not what you'd might expect.

"As far as I remember she started playing the accordion at a hotel in Elkhart," Ionni said.

That first taste of professional music work led to more opportunities in Fort Wayne, with regular slots at hotels and clubs playing piano.

"She had a huge following in Fort Wayne," Ionni said. "She had a piano bar setting. She tried to get everyone involved in sing-alongs."

While her mother mostly performed old standards and jazz, she also took audience requests. "She loved to get everyone singing and having a good time," Ionni said.

Despite her night hours Munger remained an active part of her children's lives, Murray Munger, Helen's son said.

"She ran quite a schedule. My father worked for the post office, so she would get up very early to see him off, then she'd take care of everyone. She'd take a power nap in the afternoon (usually 30-45 minutes) then she'd be making supper. Then she'd go off to wherever she was playing. Usually she wouldn't be home til 2 or 3 in the morning. Then she'd start it up again."

Despite their differing schedules, Munger and her husband, Wendell, were great parents, Ionni said.

"She was very protective. She always wanted to know where you were at all times. She was very loving," Ionni said. "I said they were a good team."

That teamwork, she said, came from hardship early in their marriage.

"When they were married in 1932, it was the Depression," Ionni explained. "They had an onion farm out on Nevada Mills Road and they worked hard all summer on it. Then in the fall, the price for onions dropped and the entire summer's work ended up getting them minimal money, like $75. My mother used to say they lived on love alone."

After a brief move to suburban Washington, D.C., when Wendell worked for the Postmaster General's office, the Mungers returned to the area, buying a cottage on Snow Lake's Deer Island.

"She definitely loved the lake life," Murray Munger said. "The lake was the ideal place for her. One time I remember the ice wasn't going out quite fast enough. She was standing on the dock, pushing it away with a stick and jumped in."

Both Ionni and Munger remembered their mother using her skills as a performer to great effect, entertaining friends who would gather at the Munger home.

"She was definitely a very social person," Murray said.

After Wendell's death in 2002, Helen eventually moved to Fort Wayne, where Ionni lives, then to a Fort Wayne assisted-living facility. There, she started up playing piano again, Ionni said. When her memory began to fail, she stopped playing, telling people she didn't want to play when she was missing notes, Ionni said. A few years later, for no particular reason, she started up again, playing the old jazz riffs she used to do in her heyday, Ionni said. Murray Munger said that's not entirely surprising.

"One of my aunts said at the memorial service that she always had those songs in her fingers," Munger said. "I always said I got a little hand-me-down from my mother that way."

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Tony Williams

ANGOLA — Tony L. Williams, 46, of Angola, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, in Angola.

Mr. Williams was born to David L. Williams and Sandra Girton Bruce on Feb. 15, 1962, in Kendallville. His father survives in Union City, Mich. His mother survives in Tecumseh, Mich.

Mr. Williams

He was married to Glenna Williams, she survives in Angola.

He worked at Dexter Axel in Fremont.

He is also survived by his stepmother, Linda Williams of Union City; a daughter, Kristine Brown of Angola; three grandchildren; a brother, John Williams of Ann Arbor; a half-brother, Matthew Williams of Adrian, Mich.; a stepbrother, Kent Boner of Kendallville; and a sister, Tammy Williams of Tecumseh.

Services will be held a 1 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Angel Rojas officiating.

Calling will be one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of David Williams.

Evelyn Kentnich

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn G. Kentnich, 92, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009.

There is no service or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

James Jordan

WOLCOTTVILLE — James K. Jordan, 80, of Wolcottville, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at the South Milford home of his caretakers, Don and Madonna Whipple.

He was born in Fort Wayne Dec. 25, 1929, and raised by his grandparents Carl and Stella Ramer.

Mr. Jordan

He married his first wife Louise Wittkamper on Sept. 1, 1951, and she passed away on Dec. 10, 1979. He married his second wife, Nancy Mae Jordan, on Feb. 14, 1981, and she survives.

He graduated from Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jordan worked for Modern Comfort in Fort Wayne for 30 years.

In his younger years he was the Golden Glove Champion of Allen County in the 1940's and he lived most of his life (52 years) in Huntertown.

He is also survived by five brothers-in-law, Ferill Wittkamper, Maurice Wittkamper, Marvin Wittkamper and Eldon Wittkamper, all of Elwood; and Dwight Wittkamper of Anderson; sister-in-law; Berneta Beiswanger of South Milford. Nephew; David Beiswanger of South Milford; a half-brother in Fort Wayne; and a half-sister living in Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, and a brother-in-law; Loren Wittkamper.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Visitation will be an hour before the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery in Huntertown.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice. S

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Anna Stephens

LAGRANGE — Anna Stephens, 71, of Stroh, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Ralph Rupert

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph J. Rupert, Jr., 71, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following surgery.

Mr. Rupert

Mr. Rupert was born Jan. 11, 1938, in Fort Wayne to Ralph J. and Irene (Evans) Rupert.

He was retired from International Harvester, working with them in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He was a U.S. Navy veteran

He is survived by two daughters, Kathy Barlow of Fort Wayne and Vickie Hield of Chicago; two sons, David Rupert of Noble County and Todd Rupert of Big Long Lake; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, Ruth Waldron of Kendallville; Carolyn Latta of Kendallville, and Jane Fluke of Auburn; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Ruth Rupert of Topeka, Keith and Peg Rupert of Skinner Lake, and Greg and Deena Rupert of Skinner Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Irene Rupert, and two brothers, Robert Rupert and Tom Rupert.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday, from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Military graveside services will be conducted by VFW Post No. 2749 in Kendallville.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Larry Erwin

BUTLER — Larry Erwin, 67, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, from ALS, at his home with his family at his side.

Mr. Erwin was born on a farm in Ashley on Jan. 16, 1942 to Ernest and Velda (Clark) Erwin.

He married Patricia Lea Getts on April 8, 1961, in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Butler, she survives.

He was a very well respected dairy farmer for 25 years and was very innovative in his overall farming practices. He also worked at B. F. Goodrich for 12 years and was an escort for oversized loads.

He attended Butler United Methodist Church in Butler. He served on the Allen Dairy Board and several farm related organizations. He was a former member of the Butler Zoning Board.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Cheryl Erwin of Waterloo, and a daughter and son-in-law, Tricia and Greg Fawley of Lawton, Mich. Five grandchildren, Donovan and Clayton Strock and Tucker, Collin and Vance Erwin; and a sister and brother-in-law, Retha "Sam" and Denny Badman of Snow Lake.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Butler United Methodist Church, Butler, with the Rev. Kevin Marsh officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 PM at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Burial in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Pallbearers will be Richard Getts, Ronald Getts, Phil Ginder, Howard Troyer, Jim Miller, Ken Casebere, Wayne King and Roger Green.

Memorials can be directed to Butler United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Frances Collins

ALBION — Frances Ann (Hall) Collins, 54, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009 at her Albion home.

She was born March 4, 1954 in Vicco, Ky. to Eli and Hazel (Eversole) Sumner. Both preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth Ray Collins. He survives.

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker. Her hobbies were wood making and Arts. She was a member of Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo, IN.

She is survived by two sons, Donald Richard Hall Jr., Jason Allen Hall; their father, Donald Richard Hall Sr., all of Mt Pleasant, Pa.; two stepdaughters, Nanetta Tucker of Albion and Sheila Hicks of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Nicole Ryan Toth of Perryopolis, Pa., Travis Eli Hall of Stahlstown, Pa., Ethan James Hall of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; five stepgrandchildren; two sisters, Persie Sumner and Mary Pence both of Garrett; four brothers, Norman Sumner of Kodak, Ky., Esom Sumner of Hamilton, Coby Sumner of Kendallville and Danny Sumner of Rome City; and lots of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ora Lee Cody, three brothers Ove Wayne Sumner, Eli Sumner Jr. and John David Sumner.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Fannie Miller

TOPEKA — Fannie M. Miller, 59, of Topeka, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at her home.

Calling will be at 1 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday at the Crist Miller residence, 5780 S C.R. 300W in Topeka.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Crist Miller residence.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Richard Hostetler

FREMONT — Richard Douglas “Rick” “Hostetler, 59, of Fremont, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at his home in Fremont.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Crystal Mann

ANGOLA — Crystal Maxine Mann, 81, of Angola, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Orland Blaising

LAGRANGE — Orland Blaising, 69, died Saturday Feb. 14, 2009, at his home in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Carol Starrett

PLAINS, Ga. — Carol Jean “Joan” Nichols Starrett, 77, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, in Plains, Ga.

Mrs. Starrett was born Jan. 18, 1932, to Helen Ball and Ralph Nichols.

She was preceded in death by her second husband, Fred Starrett and her ex-husband, Fred Langley.

She grew up in Steuben County and lived in northeast Indiana until moving to Americus, Ga., in the early-1980's.

She worked at the Strand Theater in Kendallville during the 1950s and was a retail clerk for Kroger's in Fort Wayne in the 1960s.

She is survived by a sister, Rosemary Shearer of Steuben County; a brother Paul Nichols of Florida; two daughters, Cindy Bevington Olmstead of Wauseon, Ohio, and Diana Grimes of California; four sons, Michael Langley of Alpharetta, Ga., John Langley of Cumming, Ga., Ken Langley of Rachel, Nev., and Steve Langley of Mountainside, Conn.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held in Orland at a later date.

Memorials are to the Victory Worship Center in Americus.

West's Mortuary of Americus and Montezum, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

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Elva Cook

ALBION — Elva E. Cook, 92, of Albion, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at 5:15 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 17, 1916, in Allen County to George and Ida Lee nee Ferguson Cook. She lived in the area most of her life.

She retired from McCray Refrigeration when it closed. She enjoyed playing dice, eating Chinese food and being with her friends.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by brothers Dan, Emanuel "Buck," and David Cook; and sisters Bessie, Minerva, Charlotte, Hazel, Lola, Velma, Lillian and Martha.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Rick Van Horn will officiate. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Memorials are to Noble County Relay for Life.

Fuad Abdishi

CHICAGO — Fuad Z. "Fred" Abdishi, 74, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at University of Chicago Medical Center in Chicago.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Roanoke Memorial Chapel of Deal-Rice Funeral Homes. A vigil service will be held at 3:30 p.m.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Roanoke. Calling will also be one hour before the service at the church.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Roanoke.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church and the American Cancer Society.

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Crystal Mann

ANGOLA — Crystal M. Mann, 81, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She worked as a bookkeeper for the family business, Mann's Alignment Shop, in Angola.

She graduated in 1947 from Angola High School, and was a 50-year member of the Women of the Moose in Angola. She was a member of the Angola American Legion Post Auxiliary, the Classic Red Hats Society, the Monday Birthday Luncheon and the Steuben Women's Club.

Mrs. Mann

Her hobbies included playing cards, especially euchre.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1927, in Camden, Mich., to Percy and Ida (Peet) Parrish. She married Richard L. Mann on Oct. 16, 1948. He preceded her in death on Nov. 6, 1995.

Surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Foss Hicks, Pleasant Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Delora Mann, Angola; seven grandchildren, Josh Hicks, Brittany Irving, Logan Hicks, Ronny Mann, John McGrew, Tulip Bennett and Tyler Baughman; seven great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Hicks, Justin and Madison McGrew, Kayla Chorpenning, Taylor Murley, Zoe Baughman, J.D. Baughman and Ian Baughman; and a sister and brother-in-law, Kathryn "Katie" and Gerald Miller, Sebring, Fla.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were a son, Roger L. Mann on Feb. 11, 2009, two brothers, Jack and Roscoe Parrish, and her parents.

A combined memorial service for Crystal and Roger Mann will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Rev. William Lepley and Julie Scare officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

A combined calling for Crystal and Roger Mann will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Stephens

STROH — Anna Lee Stephens, 71, of Stroh died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

She was employed with Weatherhead in Angola for 19 years and attended Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh. She liked to spend quality time with her family, kids and grandchildren.

On March 26, 1937, she was born in Hindman, Ky., to Luther and Mazie (Johnson) Owens. She married Bobby Ray Stephens on Jan. 25, 1961, in Stroh. He survives in Stroh.

Also surviving are: three sons, Michael Freed, Hoquiam, Wash., Kenneth Ray Freed, Garrett, and Danny Stephens and his companion Denise Harp, Stroh; a daughter, Pamela Miller and her companion Craig Lackey, Stroh; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Irene Brown, Wolcottville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Elbert and Carolyn Owens, South Milford.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at My. Calvary United Baptist Church, Stroh, with Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is today after 3 p.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church, Stroh, with evening services at 6 p.m.

Condolences can be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Marcella Berkey

KENDALLVILLE — Marcella Berkey, 94, formerly of Fort Wayne and currently of Lake Placid, Fla., died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Berkey

She was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake Placid.

On March 20, 1924, in Fort Wayne, she was born to William and Caroline Bradtmueller. She married F. Dale Berkey on Oct. 17, 1942, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 1997.

Survivors include: three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Nancy Berkey, and Denny and Elaine Berkey, all of Kendallville, and Brent and Janet Berkey, Rome City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Mike Smith, Angola, Carla and Charles Gray, Kendallville and Sally and Thom Brown, Racine, Wis.; 18 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a brother, William Bradtmueller of North Carolina; and two sisters, Louise Tinsley, Fort Wayne, and Bernadine Leiter, Syracuse.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by six brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Lane Andrews from New Life Ministries in Waterloo officiating. Burial will be later in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Richard Hostetler

FREMONT — Richard Douglas "Rick" Hostetler, 59, of Lake James, Fremont, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at his residence from complications of Multiple Sclerosis.

Mr. Hostetler

He was a retired elementary school teacher. After teaching for 23 years, he retired in 1993 from the DeKalb County Central United School District.

He was a 1967 graduate of Logan Hills High School in Zanesfield, Ohio, a 1971 graduate of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and also obtained a Master's Degree from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. During his college years Rick played in the Miami University band, and played trumpet and also was a resident assistant.

He was a Boy Scout, Eagle Scout and a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking and hiking, and built his first home, and also was a taxidermist.

On April 26, 1949, he was born to Dwight S. and Mary Ruth (Early) Hostetler in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He married Judy Pierce on December 23, 1972, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Audra Elizabeth and Dan Hostetler Depue, Huntertown; a son, Robert Douglas Hostetler, Huntertown; a grandson, Aidan Michael Depue; a niece, Julie Ann Hostetler Pierce of Michigan; two nephews, Jon Hostetler, Kendallville, and Ron Hostetler, Fremont; and a sister-in-law, Florence Hostetler, Fremont.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother, Donald Hostetler, and an infant sister.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Peace Lutheran Church, 355 E. S.R. 120, Fremont, with Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. A gathering and meal for fellowship with friends and family will follow immediately after the memorial service at the church fellowship hall.

Calling will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the church in Fremont.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to Peace Lutheran Church, Worship for Shut-ins or Wee Creations Pre-School and Daycare Ministries.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

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Pauline Fender

FLEMING, Fla. — Pauline Elouise Fender, 73, formerly of Fremont, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at Orange Park Medical Center, Orange Park, Fla.

She worked at Dana Weatherhead in Angola for 27 years from 1969 until her retirement in 1996. She was a former member of PWP of Angola.

She was born Nov. 14, 1935, in Tampa, Fla. Her mother and stepfather were Marcellino and Betty Pauline (Williams) Crisostomo. They preceded her in death. She married Ernest A. Fender on Sept. 14, 1991, in Angola. He survives in Fleming Island, Fla.

Also surviving are two daughters, Betty Marcella Ford, Auburn, and Sandra Denise Harper, Flint, Mich.; a son, Edgar Lee Wortham, Greencove Springs, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Sheril Ann Worman, Corunna, and Laura Lee Madison, Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Ervin Fender, Auburn, Jeffery A. Fender, Kendallville, and Lonnie Lee Fender, Waterloo; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Gloria Jean Miles, Indianapolis; and a brother, Lowry Russell Young, San Antonio, Texas.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Marie Benson.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Michael Brown

WAWAKA — Michael P. Brown, 66, of Wawaka, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

There will be no funeral services. Cremation will occur.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, Albion.

Memorials are to the Shriners.

Thomas Hall

AUBURN — Thomas J. Hall, 61, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at his residence.

There are no services or calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

June Johnson

MICHIGAN CITY — June L. Johnson, 78, of Michigan City, formerly of Angola, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at St. Anthony Memorial Health Care, Michigan City.

She was a member of Pottawattomie Country Club.

She was born June 2, 1930, in Terre Haute to Edson R. and Marcella (Pendergast) Murray. She married Harry H. Johnson on Sept. 1, 1950, in Terre Haute. He was former district manager of NIPSCO in Angola for nine years and survives in Michigan City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert H. and Rosanne Johnson, Redmond, Wash., and Angola, and three grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Carlisle Funeral Home, 613 Washington St., Michigan City, with Rev. John D. Hall officiating. Burial will be in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Michigan City.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church.

To view a tribute, leave public or private condolences and sign the guest book, go online to www.carlislefh.com.

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Angler drowns in Steuben lake

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FREMONT — A Toledo, Ohio, man may have been under water nearly a day before he was found Monday morning in Lake Pleasant in northern Steuben County.

Guy E. Gladney Jr., 62, was recovered at approximately 12:47 p.m. Monday by Angola Fire Department personnel.

Gladney was last seen ice fishing by a witness living near Manapogo Park campground at approximately 2 p.m. Sunday.

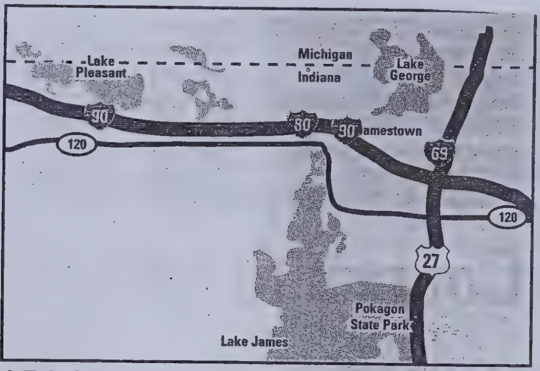
Emergency personnel were dispatched to the scene at approximately 11:30 a.m. after a neighbor saw Gladney's unattended fishing gear on the lake.

Using the Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team airboat, firefighters were able to recover Gladney using a long pole in approximately 14 feet of water.

Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder ruled the cause of death as accidental due to drowning.

The victim had been fishing alone and the thickness of the ice was approximately 1 1/2 inches. Ice conditions are deteriorating on Steuben County's lakes due to above freezing weather.

Indiana Conservation Officer John Deem investigated the incident. Emergency personnel on the scene included the Steuben County Sheriff's Department, Angola Fire Department, Orland Fire Department, Indiana State Police, Steuben County Emergency Medidcal Service and Snyder.



A Toledo, Ohio, man's body was recovered from Lake Pleasant, near the Indiana-Michigan border in Steuben County, Monday.

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Albion man dies from crash injuries

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ALBION — A 30-year-old Albion man injured in a Whitley County crash Saturday morning has died.

Troy E. Bridegan, 30, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of injuries sustained in the crash, according to Yeager Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements.

According to a report from the Whitley County Sheriff's Department, Bridegan was driving a minivan eastbound on U.S. 30 at approximately 8:26 a.m. Saturday when he stopped for an automatic traffic signal at the intersection of C.R. 300E. As the light turned green, Bridegan's vehicle was rear-ended by a semi.

The minivan and cab of the semi caught fire, and the minivan was pushed more than 200 feet east of the intersection into a ditch on the south side of the road.

Witnesses pulled Bridegan from the van, which was destroyed by the fire.

The driver of the semi, Randall S. Shelley, 38, of Plymouth was not injured.

Bridegan's most significant injuries were to his neck, according to the crash report.

Troy Bridegan

ALBION — Troy E. Bridegan, 30, of Albion died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Saturday.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Vera Johnson

ROME CITY — Vera E. Johnson, 92, of Rome City and formerly of Huntington, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson had been employed for many years at Yarger Cleaners in Huntington and later retired from the former Memcor company.

She graduated from Kokomo High School.

Mrs. Johnson attended Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City.

She was born Feb. 14, 1917, in Kokomo. She married Darrell R. Johnson on Dec. 4, 1937, in Kokomo. He preceded her in death March 15, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Darrell "Boxcar" Johnson of Huntington; a daughter, Sandy Forsthoffer of Rome City; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Judith McNabb and Kay Lynn Rafatjah; and two brothers, Charles Short and Ernest Short.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery at Marion.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Vineyard Christian Fellowship in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

Online condolences may be sent to www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com.

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David Smith

ALBION — David E. Smith, 70, of Albion died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Dale Church or Dina Starr Girod Scholarship Fund through the Adams County Community Foundation.

Sign a guestbook online at www.haggardandsefton.com.

James Berkshire

DECATUR — James W. Berkshire, 82, of Decatur died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Woodcrest Nursing Center.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. A Masonic service will take place at 8 p.m.

Condolences may be sent online to www.zwickjahn.com.

Hal Stroh

KENDALLVILLE — Hal M. Stroh, 69, of Kendallville died at 11:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville, with Dr. Tom Clothier officiating.

A reception will follow the service.

Mr. Stroh's body has been donated to the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Paul Leitch

SILVER LAKE — Paul M. Leitch, 84, of Albion died at 9:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Terry Marker, in Silver Lake.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Kosciusko County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Helen Grubb

BIG LONG LAKE — Helen L. Grubb, 78, of Big Long Lake, LaGrange County, died this morning, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home at 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Send condolences online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Michael Burkett

CROMWELL — Michael Doyle Burkett, 61, of Cromwell died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Indian Village United Methodist Church, Cromwell. Burial will be in Indian Village Cemetery, south of Cromwell.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

View obituary or sign the register book online at www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Eileen Warnock

ANGOLA — Harriett Eileen Warnock, 90, of Angola and formerly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Cameron Woods Assisted Living in Angola.

Mrs. Warnock

Mrs. Warnock was a homemaker and had lived in Bluffton, Portland and Fort Wayne prior to moving to Angola.

She was a graduate of Chester Center High School.

Mrs. Warnock was a member of Forrest Park United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Portland, Ind.

She had been a Girl Scout leader and a life member of Gamma Nu Sorority.

She enjoyed her family, reading, gardening and working jigsaw puzzles and crossword puzzles.

She was born May 30, 1918, in Keystone, Ind., to Azel Ralph and Lola Ethel (Feltt) Carnes. She married Earl Warnock Jr. on Oct. 7, 1937, in Keystone. He preceded her in death on May 15, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Priscilla and John DeMarco of Lake George at Fremont, Rebecca and James Noverske of Sparks, Nev., and Melissa Bouland of Mt. Vernon, Ill.; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Veora Fabrowicz of Las Cruces, N.M.; and a brother and sister-in-law, William and Neola Carnes of Indianapolis.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Wayne Carnes, Alfred Carnes and Edward Carnes; three sisters, Henrietta Bender, Roberta Leker and Doris Carnes; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery at Bluffton.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation Diabetes Fund or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Betty Holycross

COLUMBIA CITY — Betty D. Holycross, 85, of Lawrenceburg, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Norman Davis

LAPORTE — Norman K. Davis, 70, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at Regional Medical Center, Madisonville, N.Y.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Haverstock Funeral Home, 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte. Burial will be in Lambs Chapel Cemetery, LaPorte.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

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Helen Grubb

BIG LONG LAKE — Helen I. Grubb, age 78, of Big Long Lake, LaGrange County, died on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Grubb

Mrs. Grubb was born in Warsaw on August 8, 1930, to Ralph E. and Mary E. (Atchison) Brown.

She married David A. Grubb on November 7, 1953, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Grubb worked in the insurance industry in Fort Wayne following college and retired in 1983 as an administrative manager for Yaste, Zent & Rye Inc. in Fort Wayne.

During her working years, she was past president and treasurer of the Insurance Women's Association of Fort Wayne.

She and her husband moved to Big Long Lake in 1980 and loved life on the lake.

She was director of the Big Long Lake Association for five years.

Survivors include her husband, David A. Grubb of Big Long Lake; a son, Joseph Grubb of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Julie and Dennis Waybright of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Ryan, Stephanie and Sarah Waybright all of Fort Wayne; three stepgrandchildren, Trent, Corey and Amanda Waybright; five stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Hughes of Bryan, Ohio, and Betty and Burt Newell of Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 19, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 20, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Phil Paino.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Ind.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

The family of
David and Cheryl Hunter
of Kendallville wishes to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers or memorials, offered condolences or held us in their thoughts and prayers regarding the recent death of Bertha Catherine Hunter. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We are blessed to have such good friends in this community.

Loretta Demske

WOLCOTTVILLE — Loretta Demske, 93, of Wolcottville died at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with burial in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Hal Stroh

KENDALLVILLE — Hal Stroh, 69, of Kendallville died at 11:10 p.m. Saturday, February 14, 2009.

He was born in Fremont, Ind., on May 11, 1939, to Maynard and Dorothy (Miller) Stroh.

Mr. Stroh

He graduated from Fremont High School in 1957 and from International Business College in 1959.

Hal married Roberta M. Rosebrock on December 6, 1959, at Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel, Clear Lake, Ind.

Hal was a public accountant and the owner of Stroh's Accounting. Most of his life he enjoyed serving people through accounting. Other occupations of service to people were as a Lutheran Brotherhood insurance agent and a bank trust officer. It was important to Hal to do the best for whomever he served.

Hal was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville. He was a Christian, believing you are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Hal knew he would be going home to Heaven to be with Jesus.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta; a son, Ross of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Scott Wiley of Warsaw, Ind.; a granddaughter, Baylee; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Carol Stroh of Coldwater, Mich.; and a host of extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Hal has bequeathed his body to Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 22, at First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville, Ind. Officiating the funeral service will be Dr. Tom Clothier. A reception will follow immediately after the service.

Preferred memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville, IN 46755; Parkview Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville, IN 46755; Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, In 46825; Life & Family Services, 201 S. Park Ave., Kendallville, IN 46755; Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, 351 N. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville, IN 46755; or the Kendallville Kiwanis, 0610 E. U.S. 6, Corunna, IN 46730.

"The best way to honor Hal is to talk about him to family and friends, and for clients of Stroh's Accounting to continue trusting their needs to the practice at 110 E. Rush St., with Ken Smallwood's expertise," Mrs. Stroh said.

Betty Wolfe

LIGONIER — Betty M. Wolfe, 83, of Ligonier and formerly of LaGrange, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Marian Houser

ANGOLA — Marian Houser, 86, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at her Angola home.

Mrs. Houser was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Kingdom Hall — Jehovah's Witnesses, Angola.

Mrs. Houser

She was born June 7, 1922, in Durand, Mich., to Steven and Katheryn (Nacta) Kadlecsik. She married Donald Max Houser on Dec. 27, 1943. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Max Houser and Donna Huck of Angola; a brother, John and Kay Kadlecsik of Lansing, Mich.; a sister, Ethyl Kadlecsik of Wallkill, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Helen Sullivan and Elizabeth Sullivan.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Kingdom Hall — Jehovah's Witnesses in Angola with Ed Junttonen officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Charlotte Eichorn

KENDALLVILLE — Charlotte Eichorn, 57, of Kendallville died at 12:55 a.m. today, Feb. 18, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Winfred Stacy

KENDALLVILLE — Winfred Stacy, 64, of Kendallville died at 11:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Thursday at Harbor of Love Baptist Church, S.R. 3 South, Lisbon, with evening services at 7 p.m.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with burial in Orange Cemetery.

Nina Fausett

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nina V. Fausett, 92, of Toledo, Ohio, and formerly a LaGrange resident for 70 years, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at the home of her daughter in Toledo.

There will be no calling or funeral service. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Rosalie Pendill

BRADENTON, Fla. — Rosalie Pendill, 90, of Bradenton, Fla., and formerly of Elkhart, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Manatee Springs Care & Rehabilitation in Bradention, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Orland Blaising

LAGRANGE — Orland Eugene "Big O" Blaising, 69, of LaGrange died at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009. Mr. Blaising passed away with dignity at his "Center of Paradise."

Mr. Blaising

Mr. Blaising was a strong-willed man who loved his family, friends and the simple things of life.

He enjoyed feeding the wildlife, making maple syrup and being the family chef.

He was born Oct. 23, 1939, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Fredrick and Esther (Miller) Blaising. He married Geneva Krieger on Oct. 18, 1985, in Mongo, Ind.

Surviving are his best friend and soul mate of 26 years, Geneva "Genny" Blaising; his beloved children, Clinton W. Blaising of Rome City, Ind., Jared (Kelley) Ernst of Texas and Jana (Nick) Leitch of Churubusco; two beautiful daughters-in-law, Sandra Garrison of Wolcottville and Norita Blaising of Florida; four dearly loved sisters, Mrs. Palmela (Bill) Nye of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Twyla (Ben) Boyd of Rome City, Mrs. Melanie (Dave) Knapp of Tennessee, Mrs. Barbara (Calvin) Witham of LaGrange; three beautiful grandchildren, Dannielle Blaising "Danny B" of Wolcottville and Jeremy and Amanda Blaising of Florida; Grandma and Grandpa Lung (Lawrence and Tiny) of Rome City; and many cherished friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents and two beloved sons, Bryan L. and Ryan E. Blaising.

A memorial service will be planned for family and friends to celebrate Orland's life in June.

Memorial contributions will be used to continue Orland's efforts of supplying those in need with a turkey for Thanksgiving. Envelopes are available at Carney-Frost Funeral Home.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Troy Bridegan

ALBION — Troy E. Bridegan, 30, of Albion, died at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, as a result from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Troy E. Bridegan's Children Education Fund, in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Albion man dies from US 30 crash injuries

COLUMBIA CITY — An Albion man has died from injuries suffered when his minivan was rear ended by a semi Saturday morning and burst into flames.

Thirty-year-old Troy E. Bridegan was eastbound on U.S. 30 and stopped at the intersection with county Road 300 East when he was rear ended as the light turned green, according to the Whitley County Sheriff's Department.

The impact caused the van to catch fire and pushed it more than 200 feet east of the intersection and into a ditch on the south side of the highway.

Witnesses were able to pull Bridegan from the van before the flames fully consumed it. According to police, his most serious injuries were to his neck.

The van and semi cab were completely destroyed by the fire, but local firefighters put out the flames before they spread to the semi trailer, which contained paint thinner and other similar flammable liquids.

The driver of the semi, 38-year-old Randall S. Shelley was not injured.

A witness driving a Pepsi delivery van who sprayed a portable fire extinguisher on the wreck shortly after it occurred was also treated for chest pain.

Whitley County HAZMAT crews had to remove the damaged containers of chemicals before the semi could be towed.

The eastbound lanes of U.S. 30 were closed for five hours between county roads 300 and 400 East as the wreckage was removed.

Tow truck crews found

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when they tried to separate the vehicles that a trailer hitch on the back of the van had become lodged under the front axle of the semi cab during impact.

Firefighters from Union and Columbia Townships, Columbia City's Fire Department, several sheriff's deputies, both on and off-duty, and the Indiana State Police responded to the scene.

(Funeral services are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier)

Troy E. Bridegan, 30

ALBION – Troy E. Bridegan, age 30, of Albion, IN passed away unexpectedly February 15, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident that took place on February 14, 2009.

Arrangements are currently pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier. www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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US 30 CRASH SCENE — A semi rig apparently did not slow down for traffic stopped at a traffic light on U.S. 30 at C.R. 300 E in Whitley County. When the light changed from red to green Saturday morning the semi rear-ended a van driven by an Albion man. Upon impact, both vehicles were engulfed in fire. Although rescue workers were able to remove Troy E. Bridegan from the van, he since died of injures suffered in the collision.(Photo courtesy The Post and Mail)

ALBION NEW ERA
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Paul Prickett, 92

ALBION - Paul Prickett, age 92, died Thursday February 12, 2009 at 12:45 AM at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, where he had been admitted since February 5.

He was born March 18, 1916 in Albion to Pindell and Grace (Payton) Prickett, both deceased. On December 31, 1940 he married Mary Elizabeth Miller, she survives in Albion.

Mr. Prickett was a WWII Army Veteran, having served in Europe. He was the Noble County Recorder for 8 years, and retired from the Noble County Abstract Office after many years of service.

He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church, the Albion American Legion Post 240, the Wolf Lake VFW, Albion Masonic Lodge #97, F & A.M., and the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne.

Other survivors include his sisters, Elizabeth Stuckman of Nappanee, Mary Lois Radcliffe and Esther Helmke, both of Fort Wayne and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers, John, Joe and Ben Prickett.

Funeral services for Mr. Prickett were Monday, February 16, 2009 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. Rev. Brett Frymier officiated.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may go to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Frances Collins, 54

ALBION — Frances Ann (Hall) Collins, 54, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009 at her Albion home.

She was born March 4, 1954 in Vicco, Ky. to Eli and Hazel (Eversole) Sumner. Both preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth Ray Collins. He survives.

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker. Her hobbies were wood making and Arts. She was a member of Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo, IN.

She is survived by two sons, Donald Richard Hall Jr., Jason Allen Hall; their father, Donald Richard Hall Sr., all of Mt Pleasant, Pa.; two stepdaughters, Nanetta Tucker of Albion and Sheila Hicks of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Nicole Ryan Toth of Perryopolis, Pa., Travis Eli Hall of Stahlstown, Pa., Ethan James Hall of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; five stepgrandchildren; two sisters, Persie Sumner and Mary Pence both of Garrett; four brothers, Norman Sumner of Kodak, Ky., Esom Sumner of Hamilton, Coby Sumner of Kendallville and Danny Sumner of Rome City; and lots of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ora Lee Cody, three brothers Ove Wayne Sumner, Eli Sumner Jr. and John David Sumner.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday February 18, 2009 at Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Michael P. Brown, 66

WAWAKA - Michael P. Brown, age 66, of Wawaka, died Saturday February 14, 2009 at St. Joe Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 4, 1942 in Fort Wayne to Paul and Virginia nee Shoney Brown, both deceased. He had lived in Wawaka for 4 years coming from Rome City where he lived on Sylvan Lake for 15 years.

He married Valerie nee Harmayer Brown on July 7, 1961 in Fort Wayne, she survives in Wawaka.

He was an iron worker for Local 147 in Fort Wayne. He enjoyed tinkering with different things, Harley Motorcycles, and old cars.

Surviving are three daughters, Cheryl Brown of Waynedale, Sheila Phillips of Huntington, Sharon Nickodemas of Columbia City, and Michele Brown of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild; a brother, Raymond Brown of Corunna.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Ann Nester.

There will be no funeral services, cremation will occur. Brazell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Mary Catherine Riddle, 84

ALBION — Mary Catherine Riddle, 84, of Noble County died at 1:06 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she was admitted on Sunday.

She was born Aug. 8, 1924, in Whitley County to Elmer Jacob and Daisy Ann (Buffenbarger) Cox. At the age of four, her family moved to Washington Township.

She was a 1942 graduate of Washington Center High School.

On November 21, 1946 she was united in marriage to Stanley James Riddle. They always made their home on the Riddle family farm where they engaged in grain and dairy farming until 1987. Mr. Riddle died October 21, 1993.

Mrs. Riddle assisted with the family farming operation. She also sold eggs for many years, worked at Weatherhead for six years and did all occasion cake decorating for many years.

Mrs. Riddle was a member of St. Matthews United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Rural Youth of Whitley County, active with the Whitley County Christmas Celebration for more than 20 years, former director of Farmer's Mutual Insurance Co. of Noble County and was involved with mission work in Whitley and Noble Counties including local food pantries.

Surviving are two sons, Fred Alvin (Mariann) Riddle and John Edward (Sharon) Riddle, both of Albion; six grandchildren, Julie, Kevin, Jody, Amy, Sara and Steven; two sisters, Louise Easterday and Pauline Scott, both of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Dot E. Cox of Columbia City.

In addition to her husband she was also preceded in death by a son, Roy Scott Riddle, and a brother, Eldon E. Cox.

Services were held February 14, 2009 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Rev. Michael Dillon officiated. The burial took place in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Elva E. Cook, 92

ALBION - Elva E. Cook, age 92, of Albion, died on February 13, 2009 at 5:15 AM at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born October 17, 1916 in Allen County, Indiana to George and Ida Lee (Ferguson) Cook. She lived in the area most of her life.

She retired from McCray Refrigeration when it closed. She enjoyed playing cards, eating chinese food and being with her friends.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Dan, Emanuel "Buck", and David Cook; eight sisters, Bessie, Minerva, Charlotte, Hazel, Lola, Velma, Lillian and Martha.

Funeral services for Miss Cook were Monday, February 16, 2009 at 2:00 PM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Rick Van Horn officiated.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Please make memorials to Noble County Relay for Life.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Paul M. Leitch, 84

SILVER LAKE: Paul M. Leitch, 84, of Albion, died at 9:45 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2009 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Terry Marker, in Silver Lake.

He was born May 7, 1924 in Avilla, Indiana a son of Merl O. and Fannie (Hossinger) Leitch. His formative years were spent in Churubusco. He graduated from Churubusco High School.

On August 28, 1943 he was inducted in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged with a Purple Heart and Bronze Stars on December 30, 1945.

On February 19, 1944 he was united in marriage to J. Maurine Willits. They made their first home in Churubusco. In 1961 they moved to Albion, moving to their present home in 1986.

While residing in Churubusco, he managed the Churubusco Feed Mill. From 1961 until 1979 he owned and operated the Albion Locker Storage. Following his retirement, he worked for Trailer Express for a few years.

A former Churubusco fireman, he was a member of American Legion Post #246 and Repeater 21 Amateur Radio Club.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Maurine; three children, Nikki M. (Terry) Marker of Silver Lake, Douglas M. (Jinna) Leitch of Albion and Kim (Jeff) Hoover of Ligonier; five grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; a sisters, Phyllis (Robert) Zolman of Churubusco; a sister-in-law, Ilene Leitch of Churubusco; and special friends, Joe and Deb Halsey of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Watson and a brother, Everett Leitch.

The memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Bill Farmer officiating. The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. The visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kosciusko County.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

David E. Smith, 70

ALBION – David E. Smith, 70, of Albion, Indiana passed away Monday, February 16, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on October 2, 1938 in Adams County, Indiana to Otto C. Smith Jr & Alice (Baumgartner) Smith. David married Bonnie J. (Miller) on May 5, 1988.

David is survived by his wife Bonnie J. Smith of Albion; his mother Alice Baumgartner of Decatur; two sons, Jon Scott Smith of Monroe and David Bruce (Trudi) Smith of Columbus, IN; a daughter LaDana (Ty) Hanni of Decatur; a brother Joe Burkhead of Monroe; two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Dixie) Sparks of Garrett and Vickie Meyer of Decatur; eight grandchildren and two-step great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his father, and daughter Dina Starr Girod on Aug. 14, 1998.

He was a member of Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren. He worked for B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn, was a member of the National Guard and also a member of the Eagles Lodge.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 Thursday, February 19, 2009 at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, February 20, 2009, also at the funeral home. Rev. Jay Carter will be officiating and burial will follow in Spring Hill (Backesto) Cemetery.

Memorials are to Pleasant Dale Church or Dina Starr Girod Scholarship Fund through the Adams County Community Foundation.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Connie Davis, 57

AUBURN – Connie S. Davis, 57, of Auburn died Sunday, February 8, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne with her family by her side.

Ms. Davis had been courageously battling ovarian cancer since July 2006.

Prior to her illness, she worked at Hudson Industries.

She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Butler and a member of the Cancer Survivors Group in Auburn. She enjoyed cooking, old cars, spending time with friends, and most of all spending time with her four grandsons.

She was born on March 4, 1951, in Wolf Lake to Ralph and Dorothy (Ellsworth) Mittendorf. They survive in Huntertown.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joel and Kassy Davis, St. Joe, and Ben and Emily Davis, Auburn; four grandsons, Wyatt and Owen Davis; Landon and Laban Davis; A brother and sister-in-law, Dave and Cathy Mittendorf of Huntertown.

Services were held February 11, 2009 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, in Auburn. Rev. Mike Halferty officiated. Burial took place in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home n Fort Wayne.

Ralph Rupert, 71

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph J. Rupert, Jr., 71, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following surgery.

Mr. Rupert was born Jan. 11, 1938, in Fort Wayne to Ralph J. and Irene (Evans) Rupert.

He was retired from International Harvester, working with them in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He was a U.S. Navy veteran

He is survived by two daughters, Kathy Barlow of Fort Wayne and Vickie Hield of Chicago; two sons, David Rupert of Noble County and Todd Rupert of Big Long Lake; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, Ruth Waldron of Kendallville; Carolyn Latta of Kendallville, and Jane Fluke of Auburn; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Ruth Rupert of Topeka, Keith and Peg Rupert of Skinner Lake, and Greg and Deena Rupert of Skinner Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Irene Rupert, and two brothers, Robert Rupert and Tom Rupert.

Funeral services were held February 17, 2009 at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial took place in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Military graveside services will be conducted by VFW Post #2749 in Kendallville.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Charlotte Eichorn

KENDALLVILLE — Charlotte Sue Eichorn, age 57, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Eichorn was born in Monterrey, Tennessee, on July 19, 1951, to Beecher L. and Wilma Claudine (Franklin) Stephens and graduated from East Noble High School in 1968.

Charlotte loved going for walks outside and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She enjoyed reading about history and watching the birds in the aviary at her Shepherd of the Hill home.

Survivors include her father, Beecher and Joanne Stephens of Kendallville; two daughters, Christy and Charles Brown of Hudson and Cindy Mercer of Sturgis, Michigan; a son, Steven Hoover of Bronson, Michigan; six grandchildren, Brandon, Courtney and Kyle Mercer, Bradley and Allison Brown, and Hannah Hoover; four brothers, Bobby Stephens of Stroh, Buddy and Louise Stephens of Rufus, Oregon, Rick and Sheila Stephens of LaOtto and Mike and Patty Stephens of Atwater, California; seven sisters, Patricia and Maurice Hoover of Chicago, Illinois, Brenda and Robert Ratcliff of Chicago, Diana and Richard Glandt of Kendallville, Sharon and Glenn Jessie of Chicago, Kathy and Ken Schwab of Shreveport, Louisiana, Sandy and Mick Shook of Kendallville and Kim and Ted Shook of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Wilma Stephens; and her sisters, Geraldine Geer and Rebecca Bryum.

Visitation will be Friday, February 20, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 21, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Steve Brittenham.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Casketbearers will be Rick Stephens, Charlie Brown, Steve Hoover, Mick Shook, Ted Shook and Glenn Jessie.

Preferred memorials may be made to Friendship Food Pantry.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Doris Parsons

LAGRANGE — Doris E. Parsons, 63, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at her home following a short battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, 603 S. Detroit St., LaGrange, with Pastor Bill Birch of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe officiating.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Alcid Haverstock

LAWTON, Okla. —Alcid Charles Haverstock, 72, of Lawton and formerly of St. Joe and Butler, Ind., died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, in Lawton.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, 1502 Fort Sill Blvd., Lawton.

Burial with full military honors will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beckerfuneral.com.

Jerald Clawson

TOPEKA — Jerald D. Clawson, 69, of Topeka died at 10:21 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Eden Cemetery, LaGrange C.R. 700S, west of Topeka.

Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

To view a complete obituary or to sign a guest book, visit online at www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Donald Jordan

GARRETT — Donald G. Jordan, 76, of Garrett died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

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THANK YOU

to everyone who made visits, phone calls, sent cards for their kindness and prayers during Jim's illness and their sympathy during his passing. A special thank you to Hite Funeral Home for their caring help, to the Rosary Sodality for the delicious dinner and Father Fernandes for his kind words at the Funeral Mass.

God Bless You, Rose Marie Kemp

Troy Bridegan

ALBION — Troy E. Bridegan, 30, of Albion died at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries he received in a traffic accident.

Mr. Bridegan

Mr. Bridegan was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He graduated from East Noble High School and had attended ITT.

He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

Mr. Bridegan worked for Steel Dynamics in Columbia City. He had owned and operated a landscaping business.

He had a passion for baseball and golf and was an avid IU fan. Above all he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends whom he loved dearly.

Although his life ended tragically, he was able to extend the possibility of life and health to others through organ and tissue donation.

He was born June 12, 1978, in Columbia City. His father and stepmother, Charles E. and Treasa Bridegan, survive in Albion. His mother, Toni (Fry) Gomez, survives in Columbia City.

He married Sarah R. Neterer on April 25, 2001. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters, Breanna and Kalli, both at home; a son, Parker, at home; two sisters, Jami and Chris Pennington of Fort Wayne and Crystal Gipe of New York, N.Y.; a brother, James and Carrie Gipe of Albion; his grandmothers, Pat Dubiesson of Kendallville and Rose M. Fry of Columbia City; two nieces; and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Harold Fry and Charles E. Bridegan Sr.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier, Ind., with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Troy E. Bridegan's Children Education Fund in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Ted Congleton

CORUNNA — Ted R. Congleton, 47, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at his residence in rural Corunna.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

John Ramey

WOLCOTTVILLE — John Ramey, 82, of Wolcottville died at 2:18 a.m. today, Feb. 19, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville.

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Mark Ronning

FORT WAYNE — Mark Stephen Ronning, 43, went to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday morning, February 18, 2009, after fighting a courageous battle against brain cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family who cared for him at home.

Mr. Ronning

Mark was a sales consultant for Maly's Beauty Supply of Fort Wayne.

He was a member of County Line Church of God.

He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from Marysville University, St. Louis, Missouri.

He was an avid golfer and fisherman and passionate about computers and related technology. He loved politics and spending time with his children.

He was born Feb. 9, 1966, in Augsburg, Germany, to Lloyd and Else (Forve) Ronning. His father has passed on and his mother survives in Maryland Heights, Mo.

He married Libbie Brown on March 4, 2006, and she survives in Fort Wayne. He is also survived by two sons, Brandon and Stefan Ronning, both of Ballwin, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Shelby Ringenberg of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Karin and Peter Naeher of Kusel, Germany; a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Judy Ronning of Sugarland, Texas, his in-laws, Jeff and Marcia Brown of Fort Wayne; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dave and Holly Brown of Huntertown and Lynn Brown of St. Louis, Mo.; three nephews and two nieces.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, at County Line Church of God, Auburn. The Rev. Bob Herman and the Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. at the church.

Memorials can be directed to County Line Church of God, 17716 N. County Line Road, Auburn, IN 46706. Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Loretta Demske

WOLCOTTVILLE — Loretta Mary Theresa Demske, 93, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 3:35 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Demske

Mrs. Demske had resided in the Wolcottville area since 1947. Most recently she resided at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a 1934 Ashley High School graduate. She was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City and the St. Gaspar Rosary Sodality.

She was born northeast of Waterloo on December 9, 1915, to John and Flora (Karst) Blomeke. On November 5, 1938, in Garrett she married Joseph O. Demske.

Surviving are a son, Joseph L. Demske of Howe; a daughter, Darlene Mault of Wawaka; four grandchildren, Joseph Demske Jr. of Bronson, Michigan, David and Amy Demske of Garrett, Jamie and Joe McGrath of Fort Wayne and Jeff and Abbey Mault of Kimmell; and six great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Megan, Libbey and Carter Demske and Jacob and Josh McGrath.

She was preceded in death by her husband on December 2, 1992; a brother, Cornelius Blomeke; a sister Lucille Yingling; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Demske; and a son-in-law, James Mault.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, February 21, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Ron Brackevelt, Don Brackevelt, Joseph Demske Jr., David Demske, Jeff Mault, Joe McGrath, Todd Ely and Jack Mitchener.

Calling is Friday, February 20, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, where there will be a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are Masses to St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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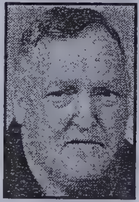
Winfred Stacy

KENDALLVILLE — Winfred Stacy, 64, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Stacy

He was a processor with Essex Wire in Kendallville.

Mr. Stacy served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Stacy was born in Hindman, Ky., on April 6, 1944, to Ishmael and Sirena (Miller) Stacy. He married Bonetta Sells on April 18, 2004, in Wolcottville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his four children and their spouses, James D. Stacy of Kendallville, Iolet and Randy Risedorph of Kendallville, Julie Stacy of Topeka and Mary and George Allen of Cherryville, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters and their spouses, Arthur and Vickie Stacy of Montgomery, Ky., Clyde and Hazel Stacy of Montgomery; Floyd and Regina Stacy of Lower Mill Creek, Ky., Carly and Teresa Stacy of Carrie, Ky.; Virginia Patrick of Lower Mill Creek, Capie and Eldon Hicks of Hindman, Ky., Caliee and Arnold Smith of Wolcottville, Charles and Pauline Stacy of Clarksville, Tenn., and Fred and Sherri Stacy of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville with Pastor Charles Mosley, Pastor Ernie Miller and Phil Lucas officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City with military graveside honors. Pallbearers will be Clovis Hoover, Arthur Stacy, Doug Mullins, Mike Ritchie, Phillip Stacy, A.J. Risedorph, Dave Christian and Ildefonso Martinez. Honorary pallbearer is Sonny Rinehart.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at the church, with evening services at 7. Additional calling will be after 9 a.m. Friday at the church, with an evening service at 7.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

No words can express our gratitude for the love and care given to our mother during her lengthy illness and recent passing. To our neighbors, friends and loved ones near and far we thank you.

A special note of thanks to Home Sweet Home, Provena Sacred Heart, Hite Funeral Home, Pastor Michael McKinney and Rome City United Methodist Church for their loving support, compassion and respect.

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Judy A. Kovara

GARRETT — Judy A. Kovara, 61, of Garrett died at 10:13 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Ms. Kovara

She was a supervisor at Verizon, retiring in 2007.

She was born Aug. 28, 1947, in Yonkers, N.Y., to Louis F. and Helen A. (Iannetti) Hyde.

Surviving are her father, Louis F. Hyde of Garrett; two brothers, Richard and Kathleen Hyde of Garrett and Joseph and Lori Hyde of Corunna; two sisters, Margaret R. Hyde of Fort Wayne and Patricia and Jim Duguid of Huntington; and her loving companion, Tod Kovara of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or to the donor's choice.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Helen Gaskill

HUDSON — Helen M. Gaskill, 93, of Hudson died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Gaskill was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Lake Gage Congregational Church.

She was born Sept. 10, 1015, in Monmouth, Ind., to Roy and Della (Peterson) Wolford. She married Jerome Gaskill on Feb. 13, 1932. He preceded her in death Dec. 1, 1980.

Surviving are two sons, Richard and Sandy Gaskill of Celina, Ohio, and William and Sharon Gaskill of Angola; three daughters, Ruth Rogers of Hudson, Nancy and Robert Moorman-Atkins of Kokomo and Penney Gaskill of Fremont. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Edgar, and eight brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday prior to the service.

Memorials are to Lake Gage Congregational Church.

Ted Congleton

CORUNNA — Ted R. Congleton, 47, of Corunna died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Congleton was currently working at Hendrickson Suspension in Kendallville and had worked there for over 25 years.

He and his wife were avid Indianapolis Colts fans. They loved to travel and take underwater pictures together.

He was born Feb. 11, 1962, in Auburn to Elmore and Ann (Robbins) Congleton.

He married Penny Reed on Dec. 13, 1980, at Butler Church of the Nazarene. She survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are one sister and brother-in-law, Truly and Jim Bailey of Waterloo; a nephew, Harley Wolfe; mother-in-law, Grace Reed-Langenfeld and her husband Don of Arizona; his grandmother-in-law, Opal Reed of Auburn; brothers-in-law, Larry Reed of Arizona, Danny Reed of Auburn and Robert Reed and his wife, Julie, of Arizona; two nephews-in-law, Isaac and Joshua Reed; a niece-in-law on the way, Abby Reed; and many other dear friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his father-in-law, Wallace Reed.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Butler Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. Beech St., Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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John Ramey

WOLCOTTVILLE — John Ramey, 82, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at 2:18 a.m. in his residence. He had been in failing health for nine months.

Mr. Ramey

Mr. Ramey worked as a coal miner in Kentucky. In 1964, he moved to Wolcottville and retired from the Starcraft boat factory in Wolcottville.

He was a member of the Church of the Stone in Wolcottville.

He was born Aug. 8, 1926, in Rockport, Ky., to Sam and Hannie (Conley) Ramey. He married Hazel Prater in Kentucky. She preceded him in death Jan. 14, 1977, after 30 years of marriage. He then married Virginia "Granny" Hicks in Wolcottville. She preceded him in death Nov. 28, 2007, after 30 years of marriage.

Surviving are a daughter, Thelma Ramey of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Ruby Ramey of Rome City; two stepdaughters, Patricia Gail Wade of Kendallville and Pamela Bloomfield of Rome City; three stepsons, Willis Hicks of Wolcottville, Dewey Hicks of North Carolina and Miles Hicks of Virginia; 26 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Ancil Ramey of Kentucky and Kendall Ramey of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Ramey; four infant children, Amos Ramey, Jerry Ramey, Roger Ramey and Linda Kay Ramey; four brothers, Lewis Ramey, Tandy Ramey, Orville Ramey and Turner Ramey; and a sister, Ethel Stark.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Church of the Stone, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mike Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Sunday, at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donald Jordan

GARRETT — Donald Gene Jordan, 77 of Garrett died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, in Pontiac, Mich., in an auto accident.

Mr. Jordan

Mr. Jordan had been the co-owner of the Corunna Hardware and Jordan Construction since 1962. He had worked at the waste water treatment plant in Garrett for 11 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, the United States Bowling Congress League and was an honorary Corunna firefighter.

He was born June 8, 1931, in DeKalb County to Elza C. and Carrie B. (Haynes) Jordan. He married Roberta A. Dawson on June 17, 1950, in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are five sons, William and Terry Jordan of Garrett, Edward and Pam Jordan of New Haven, Steve and June Jordan of Garrett, Raymond and Leona Kratzman of Auburn and Joe and Teresa Kratzman of Scottsburg, Ind.; two daughters, Cindy and John Tarlton of Hudson and Penny Houser of Butler; four brothers, Robert L. Jordan of Garrett, Junior E. Jordan of Hudson, Franklin D. Jordan of Auburn and Dallas E. Jordan of Auburn; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Loyal W. Jordan; and a sister, Helen N. Workman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren at Corunna with the Rev. Paul Stauffer officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association or the church. Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Marian Houser

ANGOLA — Marian Houser, 86, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at her Angola home.

Mrs. Houser was a homemaker.

Mrs. Houser

She was a member of the Kingdom Hall - Jehovah's Witnesses, Angola.

She was born June 7, 1922, in Durand, Mich., to Steven and Katheryn (Nacta) Kadlecsik. She married Donald Max Houser on Dec. 27, 1943. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Max and Donna (Huck) Houser of Angola; a brother, John and Kay Kadlecsik of Lansing, Mich.; a sister, Ethyl Kadlecsik of Wallkill, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Helen Solomon and Elizabeth Solomon.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Kingdom Hall - Jehovah's Witnesses in Angola with Ed Junttonen officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Rosalie Pendill

BRADENTON, Fla. — Rosalie Pendill, 90, of Bradenton, Fla., and formerly of Elkhart died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Manatee Springs Care & Rehabilitation in Bradenton.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, Ind.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting with arrangements.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas King

ASHLEY — Thomas L. King, 76, of Ashley died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

There will be no services or calling at this time.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Feller Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Betty Wolfe

LIGONIER — Betty M. Wolfe, 83, of Ligonier and formerly of Albion died at 8:35 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor David Scheffield officiating. Burial will be in Albion Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Teresa Airgood.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuenral home.com.

Lula Storey

KENDALLVILLE — Lula Storey, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Stroh United Baptist Church, Stroh. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with an evening service at 7 p.m. Calling will also be after 3 p.m. Sunday at the Stroh United Baptist Church, Stroh, with an evening service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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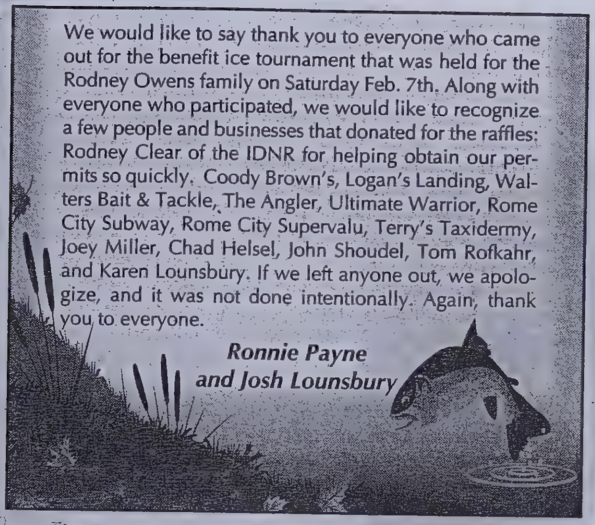
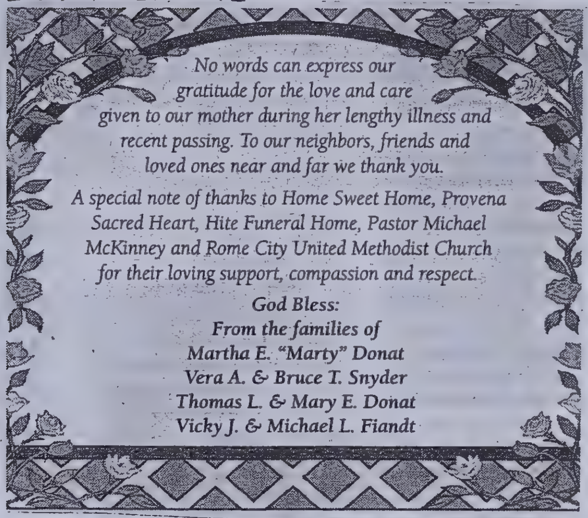


We would like to say thank you to everyone who came out for the benefit ice tournament that was held for the Rodney Owens family on Saturday Feb. 7th. Along with everyone who participated, we would like to recognize a few people and businesses that donated for the raffles: Rodney Clear of the IDNR for helping obtain our permits so quickly. Coody Brown's, Logan's Landing, Walters Bait & Tackle, The Angler, Ultimate Warrior, Rome City Subway, Rome City Supervalu, Terry's Taxidermy, Joey Miller, Chad Helsel, John Shoudel, Tom Rofkahr, and Karen Lounsbury. If we left anyone out, we apologize, and it was not done intentionally. Again, thank you to everyone.

Ronnie Payne
and Josh Lounsbury



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Lula Storey

KENDALLVILLE — Lula Storey, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Storey has lived in Kendallville since 1951, coming from Kentucky. She had worked at Flint & Walling Manufacturing in Kendallville for 18 years.

Mrs. Storey

She was born June 14, 1931, in Handshoe, Ky., to William and Polly (Handshoe) Smith. She married Robert Storey, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 13, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert D. Storey of Kendallville, Larry and Sharon Beverly of Elkhart, and Freeman Beverly of Anderson; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Earl Wayne Storey; a grandchild, Joey Beverly; four sisters, Myrtle Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Lona Bailey and Viney Conley; and four brothers, Arthur Smith, Birtchel Smith, Cain Smith and Jim Smith.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Stroh United Baptist Church in Stroh, with Pastors Jerry Collins, Rick Davis and Olie Smith officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m.

Calling will also be Sunday after 3 p.m. at the Stroh United Baptist Church in Stroh, where there will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Susan Hibler

FORT WAYNE — Susan D. Hibler, 60, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hibler had been a secretary at Griffith Rubber in Garrett.

She was a native of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hibler

Surviving are her companion, Dan Bickel of Hudson; three sons, Michael (Dawn Carboni) Hibler Jr. and Bruce (Honor) Johnson, both of Fort Wayne, and Edward (Sheila) Hibler of Huntington; a daughter, Lisa Covey of Huntington; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Stanley (Judy) Reed Jr. of Huntertown; and two sisters, Bessie (Ronald) Fuhrman of Hoagland and Lois (Gary) Boldt of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael A. Hibler Sr. in 1993.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Judy Hantz

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Judy L. Hantz of Montgomery, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Elizabeth Brock

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth Ann Brock, 50, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or memorials at this time.

Lois Alexander

KENDALLVILLE — Lois Alexander, 76, of Kendallville died at home on Friday, Feb. 20, 2009.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorials to Parkview Noble Hospice or Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Richard Rose

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Richard D. Rose, 74, of Hillsdale, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Rose had worked for Moore Business Forms. Following his retirement, he worked as a custodian at Reading High School.

He was a graduate of Angola, Ind., High School and was a U.S. Air Force veteran stationed in Germany during the Korean conflict.

He was a member of the Yesterday and Today Threshing Club.

He was born Aug. 16, 1934, in Angola, Ind., to Oliver and Nellie (Bunker) Rose. He married Mary Lower on April 9, 1960. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Laura (Charles) Blanchard of Coldwater; two sons, Michael (Tamera) Rose of Hillsdale, David (Pamela) Rose of Reading; a sister, Mary Roberts of Angola; a brother, Ned Rose of Florida; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich., with the Rev. Jim Mason officiating.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Alice Miller

WATERLOO — Alice Jean Miller, 69, of Lake Worth, Fla., and formerly of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Lake Worth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Evansport Cemetery in Evansport, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Frances Atha

FREMONT — Frances I. Atha, 75, of Fremont died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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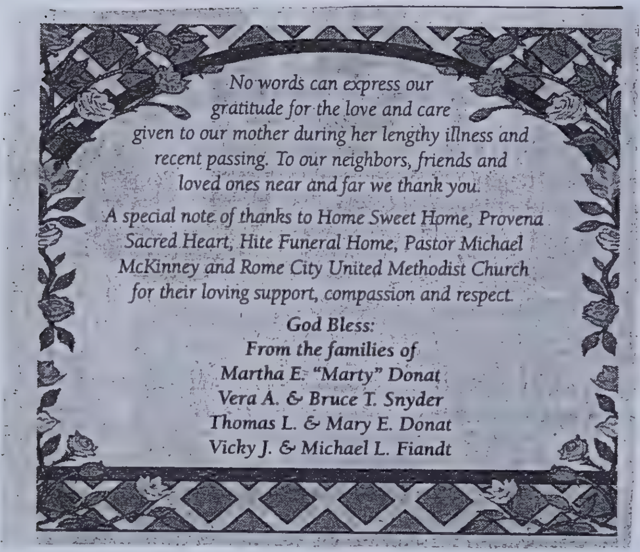

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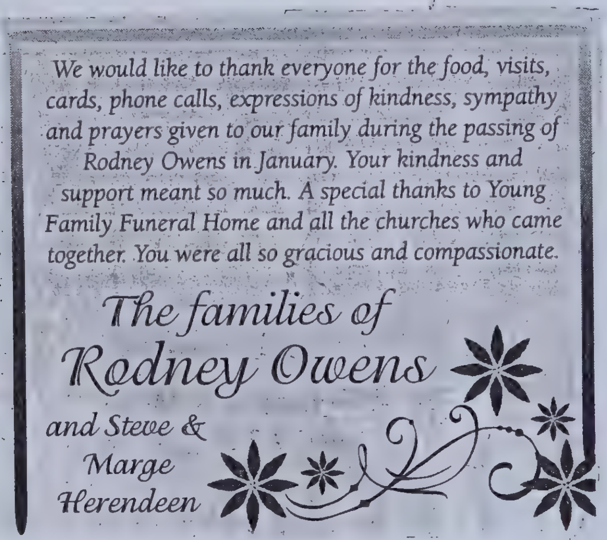

We would like to thank everyone for the food, visits, cards, phone calls, expressions of kindness, sympathy and prayers given to our family during the passing of Rodney Owens in January. Your kindness and support meant so much. A special thanks to Young Family Funeral Home and all the churches who came together. You were all so gracious and compassionate.

The families of
Rodney Owens
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Lois Alexander

KENDALLVILLE — Lois Ellen Alexander, 76, of Kendallville, died Friday afternoon, Feb. 20, 2009, at her home in Kendallville.

She was born in South Milford on June 5, 1932, to Earl Andrew and Bessie (Ransbottom) Overholser. She married Kenneth Foy Alexander on Feb. 18, 1951, and the couple just celebrated 58 years of marriage together.

Mrs. Alexander

Lois worked at Kraft Foods for 31 years before retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church and the American Legion Post 381 Ladies Auxiliary in Rome City.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years Kenneth Alexander, Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Kim Alexander, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Debra Foster, Kendallville; four grandchildren, Jessyca Foster, Stacie Parker, Jennifer Alexander and Martin Daniel Foster, III; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Monroe "Minny" Overholser, Ashley; and a sister, Helen McDorman, Flower Mound, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Ruth Bodenhafer and Florence Reeves.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Pastor Jack Thomas officiating. Casketbearers will be Dennis Reeves, Roger Buss, Jeffrey Buss, Mike McDorman, Kevin Parker, Martin Foster III and as honorary bearer, Devon Nichols. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Judy Hantz

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Judy Lee (Mason) Hantz, 57, of Montgomery, Mich., passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at the Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Hantz

She was born Dec. 25, 1951, in Coldwater, Mich., to Leo Herbert and Lula F. (Michael) Mason.

She was a life long resident of Branch County, Mich., and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1970. She enjoyed her family, and she loved to bake, dance, crochet, go antiquing, crafts and playing cards. She also enjoyed visiting her friends and was a Christmas Junky.

Judy was a breast cancer survivor and had been in remission for six years.

Surviving are: two sons, Thomas (Tommy) Hantz II, Quincy, Mich., and Michael Hantz, Reading, Mich.; two daughters, Lori McLaughlin, Jenison, Mich., and Char Mosby, Quincy, Mich.; nine grandchildren, John, Jessica, Brittany, Lacie, Mariya, Tana, Marandya, Dekota and Montanna; an expect great-grandchild; two sisters, Kay Easterday, Coldwater, Mich., and Peggy Mason, Fremont, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Kim and Elisabeth Mason, Coldwater, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Rita Mason, Coldwater, Mich.; nine nephews, and two great-nieces.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Curtis Mason, on Dec. 30, 2008.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind., with Assistant Pastor LaFern Cobb officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Munday Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Patricia McClave

ANGOLA — Patricia A. Ruckel McClave, 70, of Angola, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society and a former member of the Angola Women of the Moose.

On May 14, 1938, in Ironton, Ohio, she was born to Lemuel and Mavis (Sparks) McClave. She married Ross Ruckel, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jay Todd and Pamela Ruckel, Las Vegas, Nev., and Ross Ruckel II, Angola; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Melody and Neil Bailey, Chesterfield, Mo., Laura Ruckel, Lake Charles, La., and Kelle and Jeff Sproat, Tampa, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 6-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Christian Smucker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Christian King Smucker, 68, of Wolcottville, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rosewood Fellowship, 57-5N C.R. 900W, Shipshewana. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Rosewood Fellowship.

Memorials are to Hebron Christian Fellowship, 3705 U.S. 20, LaGrange, IN 46761.

Condolences may be sent online to fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Hall

LIGONIER — Edward Hall, 92. of Ligonier died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at his residence after a long illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Ulrev-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by the West Noble American Legion Post in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ralph Baker

HAMILTON — Ralph I. Baker, 86, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was a life-long farmer, and had also worked for Freuhauf Trailer in Fort Wayne for 26 years.

He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Edon, Ohio, the Paulding, Ohio, Masonic Lodge, where he had been a member the past 54 years, and the Order of Oddfellows, Hamilton.

On Oct. 9, 1922 in Paulding County, Ohio, he was born to Walter I. and Clara M. (Peters) Baker. He married Doris Ruth Bible on April 25, 1943, in Cairo, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Sept. 29, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Forest Bodiker, Waterloo; a son, Ronnie Baker, Edon, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his wife, his parents, a daughter, Carolyn Case, a sister, Ruth Hartwig, and two great-grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Pastor Clayton Bailey officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family and online guest register at oberlin-ford.com.

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Frances Atha

FREMONT — Frances Ilene (Brown) Atha, 75, of Fremont, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On July 27, 1933, in Edon, Ohio, she was born to Delmar and Ruth (Wiles) Brown. She married James Atha on Nov. 20, 1954, in Edon, Ohio. He survives.

She retired in 1999 from the Steuben County Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Atha

She was a graduate of Edon High School, Edon, Ohio, and International Business College in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church and enjoyed music and playing the piano.

Surviving, in addition to her husband in Fremont, are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janelle and Montgomery Conley, New Castle, and Susan and William Wahl, Indianapolis; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stan Atha and Tonya Peters, Hamilton, and Thomas and Carol Atha, Angola; five grandchildren, Danielle Atha, Erin and Sean Conley, and Ben and Mark Atha; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and John Siebenaler, Edon, Ohio.

Preceding her in death were her parents, a sister, Paulette Brown, and a granddaughter, Lynn Atha.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Rev. Alvin Covell officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Well Child Clinic, Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

James George

INDIANAPOLIS — James Robert George, 92, of Indianapolis, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009.

He was born Sept. 20, 1916, to Thomas Earl and Georgia Davis George in Auburn. He married Ruth N. Grogg in 1938. She preceded him in death on July 21, 2008.

He was a plant superintendent with Auburn Rubber Co. for 25 years and Richardson Rubber Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1988.

Mr. George was a member of Aldersgate Free Methodist Church, Auburn Masonic Lodge F & A. M., 32nd Degree Mason and Morningstar Golf Club.

Surviving are: two sons and daughters-in-law, Harold R. and Nancy (Harter) George, and Richard E. and Judy (Hanley) George; a daughter, Sharon M. Kuhn; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., Indianapolis.

Memorials are to Aldersgate Free Methodist Church, 9035 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46229.

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Kerry Spradlin

GREENWOOD — Kerry B. Spradlin, 39, of Greenwood, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Spradlin

Kerry was a graduate of Westview High School in LaGrange County, and attended Florida Southern College where she attained a bachelor's degree in communications in 1991.

She was a registered lobbyist in the banking industry and served as public affairs manager for Irwin Financial Corporation in Columbus, Ind., as well as vice president of government relations for the Indiana Bankers Association. She was a former president of the Indianapolis-Marion County Library Board.

On Feb. 10, 2009, she received a Distinguished Hoosier award issued by Gov. Mitch Daniels.

She was a beloved, cherished daughter, a dear, kind-hearted sister, a dedicated, loving mother, supportive, loving wife, and a special friend to so many people.

Survivors include: her husband, Terry Spradlin of 16 years in Greenwood; her children, Joshua Michael and Abigail Reagan Spradlin; parents, Ralph and Marilyn Wilt of Wolcottville; brother, David Wilt of Tucson, Ariz.; sisters, Deborah (Michael) Barrett of McCordsville, Elizabeth Shaw of Leo, and Julie (Curt) Castetter of Jacksonville, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Rev. Andrea Leiniger will conduct a funeral service at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, in Mount Pleasant Christian Church, 381 N. Bluff Road, Greenwood.

Friends may call from 6-9 p.m. Monday at the church and from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Rev. Jack Thomas will conduct a funeral service at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Wolcottville United Methodist Church, 109 W. County Line Road, Wolcottville, with calling from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. She will be laid to rest at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Spradlin Family Scholarship Fund through the Center Grove Education Foundation, 4800 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, IN 46143 or the Kerry Wilt Spradlin Scholarship through the LaGrange County Community Foundation, 109 E. Central Ave., Suite 3, LaGrange, IN 46761.

G.H. Hermann Greenwood Funeral Home, Greenwood, is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at ghherrmann.com.

Local arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Alice Miller

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Alice Jean Miller, 69, of Lake Worth, Fla., and formerly of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Lake Worth under the care of hospice.

She had been employed with the Lake Worth Herald for many years before her retirement.

She was a life member of the Lake Worth Order of the Eagles Aerie No. 3694, where she had served as past Madame President of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was also an active member of the American Legion Post 47 and Moose Lodge No. 994, and a life member of the VFW Post No. 4360, all of Lake Worth.

She was born Nov. 8, 1939, in Stryker, Ohio, to Roscoe and Virginia (DeGroff) Pursel.

Surviving are two sons, Kevin Welker and Kirby Welker, both of Butler; two stepsons, Joe Miller of Auburn and John Miller of Grabill; four grandchildren, Heather Welker, Jason Welker, Kylie Welker and Taylor Welker; two brothers, Don Pursel and Edward Pursel, both of Bryan, Ohio; three sisters, Janet Hammon of West Unity, Ohio, Janie Schmucker of Bryan, Ohio, and Pam Stark of Ney, Ohio; and her companion, Tony Fritz and his family of Lake Worth.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Miller; a son, Kurtis Welker; a stepson, Robert Miller Jr.; and a sister, Sandy Werder.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Evansport Cemetery, Evansport, Ohio.

Calling will be from 4 -7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Tae Robbins

GARRETT — Our little one who never gave up is finally home.

Ms. Robbins

Tae M. "Tae Bug" Robbins, 28, passed away Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, in Garrett.

Born in Auburn, she was an administrative assistant with Community Transportation Network for two years and United Way in Auburn for one year.

She graduated from Garrett High School in 1999 and Indiana Business College in 2004 with an associate's degree in accounting assistant.

She loved scrapbooking, Internet and her nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her parents, Gary and Deb Robbins, Garrett; sisters, Tasha Robbins and Tabitha (Bill) Helmick, both of Garrett; grandparents, Ray and Sharon Beeler, Auburn, and Larry and Janet Snyder, LaGrange; niece, Jayden McNutt; nephews, Will Helmick and Aaron McNutt; special pet, Shitzu Benji; aunt, Julie Crabill; cousins, Shannon and Nick Scheumanna, and Stuart Crabill; and second cousin, Matthew Terry Scheumanna; and best friend, Cassie Yarian, Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her grandpa, Charles Robbins; and uncle, Terry Crabill.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at County Line Church of God, 7718 North County Line Road, with calling one hour prior. The Revs. Robert Herman and Stuart Kruse are officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will also be from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to ICU Parkview Pediatrics, Children First Center or Garrett Girls Athletics.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

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Rhonda Corson

FORT WAYNE — Rhonda Lahrman Corson, 35, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with burial in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Dwight Bowers

MIDDLEBURY — Dwight E. Bowers, 63, of Middlebury died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Chandler Regional Hospital, Chandler, Ariz.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Laen Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Miller Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Compassion Pregnancy Center, 0235 W. C.R. 300N, Howe, IN 46746.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Fannie Kauffman

GOSHEN — Fannie I. Kauffman, 75, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury, died at 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, in Greencroft Health Care Center, Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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Fannie Kauffman

GOSHEN — Fannie Irene Kauffman, 75, of Goshen died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, at Greencroft Health Care Center in Goshen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Greencroft Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Clifton Combs

LIGONIER — Clifton Bradley Combs, 33, died at 3:06 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 at his parents' home in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling. Cremation will take place.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent and a register signed online at brazzellfuneralhome.com.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Brooks

MIDDLEBURY — Betty Ann Brooks, 63, of Middlebury died at 10:34 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Karen Hoffman

LAOTTO — Karen Anne Hoffman, 62, of rural LaOtto died at 10:50 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Thelma Atkison

MISHAWAKA — Thelma I. Atkison, 88, of Mishawaka died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with burial to take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Kendallville man dies in apparent gun accident

BY BOB BRALEY
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KENDALLVILLE — A rural Kendallville man died Monday at his home when he shot himself with a handgun in what police are preliminarily calling an accident.

Wesley M. Reeder, 20, died Monday from a gunshot wound to his neck at his home at approximately 6:45 p.m. in the 8000 block of East C.R. 1125N.

"This is preliminarily an accidental gunshot wound death," said Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. "It was a handgun."

According to Noble County Sheriff's Department Detective Sgt. Shawn Dunafin, the lead investigator in the case, Reeder was not alone at the time of the shooting.

"Based on the statements from the witnesses, it appears to be accidental," Dunafin said.

Dunafin and Gaff each said their findings were preliminary.

"It's still under investigation," Dunafin said.

Reeder was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS personnel, according to Dunafin.

Reeder was an East Noble High School graduate and a student at Ivy Tech State University. He worked at Rural King in Kendallville.

A complete obituary for Mr. Reeder appears on Page A4.

Marjorie Shook

AUBURN — Marjorie G. Shook, 90, died Monday, February 23, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Shook was an Office Assistant at the former V.C. Klink Insurance of Auburn for 15 years.

Mrs. Shook

She was the church organist for many years at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn and also for Peace United Church of Christ in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church, the Church Organist Guild and the Kenwigs Literary Club.

She attended International Business College and DePauw University.

She was born January 6, 1919, in Latah County, Idaho, to Frank and Bertha (Gibbs) Parnell. She married Max L. Shook on March 21, 1947, in Auburn. He passed away on March 29, 1958.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Harry F. and Donna Shook of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Karla J. Shook of Greenville, Mich.; three stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Mark and Pam Novak, Megan and Doug Curtis and Dirk and Karen Novak; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Clyde Parnell and Clare Parnell.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Frederick E. Hasecke officiating.

A graveside service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Community Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Diabetes Association.

Laura Hug

EDGERTON, Ohio — Laura L. Hug, 49, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at Defiance Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, Ohio.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Susan Sutton

AUBURN — Susan "Sudi" Sutton, 64, died Monday, February 23, 2009, at her home in Auburn.

She worked as a teacher's aide at Waterloo Elementary School before retiring in 2006.

She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sutton

She was born April 11, 1944, in Auburn to the late Richard E. and Vivian E. (Davidson) Harpster.

She married Neil J. Sutton on October 25, 1963, in the Auburn Methodist Church and he survives.

She is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Steve Kelley of Auburn and Tricia and Mike Cochran of Fremont; a son, Mike Sutton of Auburn; six grandchildren, Lauren Kelley, Nick Kelley, Kyle Cochran, Evan Cochran, McKenna Sutton and Jaxson Sutton; a brother and sister-in-law, Dave and Renee Harpster of Auburn; and a nephew, Chad Harpster of Leo.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, February 27, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Community Foundation or Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Lavona Bice

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Lavona M. Bice, 81 of Hillsdale and formerly of Hamilton, Ind., died Monday, Feb, 23, 2009, at the Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home, 40 S. Manning St., Hillsdale.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Domestic Harmony in Hillsdale.

Send online condolences to www.eaglefuneralhomes.com.

Geraldine Houser

AUBURN — Geraldine (Buhl) Houser, 92, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

There will be no services.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Wesley Reeder

KENDALLVILLE — Wesley M. Reeder, 20, died Monday, February 23, 2009, from an accidental gunshot wound to his neck at his home in Kendallville.

He was a graduate of East Noble High School and was currently a student at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed the outdoors, cars and anything that would go fast.

He worked at Rural King in Kendallville.

He was born June 12, 1988, in Kendallville to Steve and Barb (Stanford) Reeder and they survive in Kendallville.

He is also survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Danielle and John Gibson of Kendallville; a nephew, Hunter Gibson; grandparents, John and Bonnie Stanford of Fort Wayne and Rollie Reeder of Kendallville; aunts and uncles, Pam and Homer Morgan of Kendallville, John and Marie Stanford of Fort Wayne and Patricia and Mike Hartic of Fort Wayne; and cousins, Benjamin Morgan, Tony and Jamie Klein, Sarah and Kevin Walters, John Stanford and Paul Stanford.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Emma Reeder, and a nephew, Charles Gibson.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, February 26, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Earl Bolan will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna.

Friends may call Thursday from 11 a.m. until the service at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Karen Hoffman

LAOTTO — Karen Anne Hoffman, 62, a resident of rural LaOtto and wife of Danny K. Hoffman, died at 10:50 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2009, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hoffman

She had been in declining health for only a short period, and had entered the hospice home two days ago.

Mrs. Hoffman was born on July 5, 1946, in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Robert F. and Marjorie (Anderton) Loechner, and spent her formative years there.

She graduated from North Side High School in 1964, and later earned an associate degree from International Business College.

On September 6, 1969, she was married in Fort Wayne to Danny K. Hoffman. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Fort Wayne and moved to Noble County in 1978.

Employed as a merchandiser at Source Inter Link, she was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, where she had served as a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Church Council.

In her leisure time she had enjoyed playing adult volleyball and also playing euchre.

The surviving relatives include her husband, Dan; her children, Jeffrey M. (Sarah) Hoffman of LaOtto and Julie (Gregory) Brubaker of Fort Wayne; her mother, Marjorie Loechner of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Steven (Patricia) Loechner of Roanoke and William (Betsy) Loechner of Fort Wayne; a sister, Janet (Adam) Kidston of Naperville, Ill.; and a brother-in-law, Randy (Pam) Hoffman of Nappanee.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Dale Henderson officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Hoffman's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Clifton Combs

LIGONIER — Clifton Bradley Combs, 33, died unexpededly at 3:06 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, at his parents' home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Combs was a pharmacy student.

He has served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Combs moved to the area 10 years ago from Harlan County, Ky.

He was born on May 21, 1975, in Harlan County, Ky., to Denny and Nancy Sue (Baird) Day. They survive in Ligonier.

He is preceded in death by a grandmother, Trilma Riherd.

There will be no service and no calling. Cremation will take place.

Memorial donations are to the family.

Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to sign an online register or send condolences.

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William Richards

ST. JOE — William L. Richards, 95, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Richards was a lifelong farmer and a self-employed mechanic near Newville.

He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran serving in Panama as an airplane mechanic.

He was born Dec. 28, 1913, in DeKalb County to Romeo and Nellie (Warner) Richards.

Surviving are two sisters, Ann Richards and Lelah Mae Ervin, both of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Coburn, and a brother, Russell Richards.

Private family funeral services will be held on Thursday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be at Newville Cemetery in Newville.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne or St. Marks Lutheran Church of St. Joe.

Online condolences may sent to www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Donald Stuart

EDGERTON, Ohio — Donald R. Stuart, 79, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 4 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at Park View Nursing Center, Edgerton.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Edgerton, with graveside military rites.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School or church.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

June Bartels

NOBLESVILLE — June B. Bartels, 96, of Noblesville died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville with burial at 2:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Christ Lutheran LWML, 10055 E. 186th St., Noblesville IN 46060.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 25, 2009 Wednesday

Troy E. Bridegan, 30

ALBION – Troy E. Bridegan, age 30, of Albion, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly February 15, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident that took place on February 14, 2009.

He was born June 12, 1978 in Columbia City, the son of Charles E. and Toni (Fry) Bridegan.

On April 25, 2001 he married Sarah R. (Neterer) and was a lifelong Noble County resident.

He worked for Steel Dynamics in Columbia City and was a previous owner of a landscaping business.

He graduated from East Noble High School and had attended ITT. He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier. He had a passion for baseball and golf and was an avid IU fan.

Above all he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends whom he loved dearly. Although Troy's life ended tragically he was able to extend the possibility of life and health to others through organ and tissue donation.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Bridegan of Albion; two daughters, Breanna and Kalli and one son, Parker, all at home; parents, Charles E. (Treasa) Bridegan of Albion, Toni Gomez of Columbia City; two sisters, Jami (Chris) Pennington of Fort Wayne, and Crystal Gipe of New York, NY; one brother, James (Carrie) Gipe of Albion; two grandmothers, Pat Dubiesson of Kendallville and Rose M. Fry of Columbia City; two nieces and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Harold Fry and Charles E. Bridegan Sr.

The funeral service were held on Friday, February 20, 2009, at Stone's Hill Community Church, Pastor Joey Nelson officiated.

Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The Troy E. Bridegan's Children Education Fund, In Care Of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Indiana 46767

Loretta Demske, 93

WOLCOTTVILE — Loretta Mary Theresa Demske, 93, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 3:35 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Demske had resided in the Wolcottville area since 1947. Most recently she resided at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a 1934 Ashley High School graduate. She was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City and the St. Gaspar Rosary Sodality.

She was born northeast of Waterloo on December 9, 1915, to John and Flora (Karst) Blomeke. On November 5, 1938, in Garrett she married Joseph O. Demske.

Surviving are a son, Joseph L. Demske of Howe; a daughter, Darlene Mault of Wawaka; four grandchildren, Joseph Demske Jr. of Bronson, Michigan, David and Amy Demske of Garrett, Jamie and Joe McGrath of Fort Wayne and Jeff and Abbey Mault of Kimmell; and six great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Megan, Libbey and Carter Demske and Jacob and Josh McGrath.

She was preceded in death by her husband on December 2, 1992; a brother, Cornelius Blomeke; a sister Lucille Yingling; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Demske; and a son-in-law, James Mault.

Mass of Christian Burial was held February 21, 2009, at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. Father Bernard Ramenaden officiated. Burial took place in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery. Casketbearers were Ron Brackevelt, Don Brackevelt, Joseph Demske Jr., David Demske, Jeff Mault, Joe McGrath, Todd Ely and Jack Mitchener.

Memorials are Masses to St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 25, 2009 Wednesday

Rhonda Corson, 35

FORT WAYNE – Rhonda Lahrman Corson, 35, a resident of Fort Wayne, died unexpectedly on Friday afternoon, February 20, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on April 7, 1973 in Columbia City, she was the daughter of Kenneth D. and Jean (Eiler) Lahrman, and spent her formative years in Eel River Township. She graduated from Carroll High School in 1992, and earned her medical assistant's degree from the Indiana Business College.

On October 17, 1996 she was married in Fort Wayne to Rodney L. Corson, and was currently employed in the offices of Pediatric Associates, Inc. at Lutheran Hospital. In her leisure time she enjoyed camping and fishing with her husband and daughter.

The surviving relatives include her husband Rodney; a daughter Madelyn Claire Corson, age 7; her parents Kenneth and Jean Lahrman of Churubusco; a brother Scott (Kristi) Lahrman of Fort Wayne; her in-laws Thomas and Kathleen Corson of Avilla; her paternal grandparents Dale Lahrman of Pamona Park, Fla., and Beatrice (Harold) Morgan of Columbia City; a former sister-in-law Carmen Lahrman of Fort Wayne; a nephew Thomas John Lahrman; and two nieces Tori Coon and Madison.

She was preceded in death by a brother Thomas J. Lahrman on June 1, 1990; and by her maternal grandfather James Eiler.

Funeral services were held at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, officiated.

Interment was in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to her family.

Betty M. Wolfe, 83

LIGONIER – Betty M. Wolfe, age 83, of Ligonier, formerly of Albion, passed away at 8:35 PM February 17, 2009 at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She was born February 24, 1925 in Fort Wayne to Frank and Ora (Snider) Spillner.

She married Charles F. "Chuck Jr." Wolfe on December 1, 1944 in Ada, Ohio. He passed away in 1998.

She was a homemaker her entire life.

Survivors include one son, David Wolfe of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; one brother Don (Terry) Spillner of Fort Wayne; one sister June (Theodore) Funk of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son Neal Wolfe and five siblings.

Services were at Yeager Funeral Home, Pastor David Scheffield officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Teresa Airgood, and sent to Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Indiana 46767.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 25, 2009 Wednesday

Clifton Bradley Combs, 33

LIGONIER - Clifton Bradley Combs, age 33, died unexpectedly on Saturday February 21, 2009 at 3:06 AM at his parents' home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on May 21, 1975 in Harlan County, Kentucky. He was the son of Denny Day and Nancy Sue (Baird) Day. He came from Harlan County to the Noble and Allen County area 10 years ago. He was a student and wanted to be a Pharmacist, and was just beginning his education. He enjoyed the medical field. He also served in the US Army.

Surviving are his parents Dennis and Nancy Sue Day, of Ligonier. An Uncle, Eugene Arthur of Albion. He was also survived by his beloved Boxers, Logan and Hula.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Trilma Riherd.

There will be no service and no calling, cremation will take place.

Please make memorial donations to the family.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to sign an online register or send condolences.

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June Bartels

NOBLESVILLE — June B. Bartels, 96, of Noblesville was called to her eternal home on February 20, 2009.

Mrs. Bartels

She was born on June 19, 1912, to Albert H. and Della (Kester) Peters of DeKalb County. June married Franklin C. Bartels in 1934, and they enjoyed nearly 50 years of companionship until his death in 1984.

Growing up on a farm, June attended a one-room school and was later graduated from Auburn High School.

In her early years, she was a member of the DeKalb Hospital Guild, the DeKalb County Charm and Chatter Homemakers Club, and the Ladies Aide at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Activities June enjoyed included cooking, gardening, sewing, crafts and chalk talks. A dress June knitted was Grand Champion in the Groovy Grandma Division at the State Fair in 1971. She was a driver for Meals on Wheels until she was 80 years old.

June was known for being a lover of cats and had a variety of cat memorabilia.

A member of Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville, June served on the Altar Guild and was active in The Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

June was affectionately called "Gigi" by her seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her daughters, Doris (William) Boyer of Auburn, Ala., and Donna (Carl) Holl of Noblesville; her grandchildren, Kimberly (Tim) Etcheson of Columbia, S.C., Peggy (Chris) Sedlacek of Hoover, Ala., Teresa (Robert) Champion of Crestview, Fla., Catherine (Doug) Costelle of Avon, Cheryl (Joseph) Milukas of Darien, Conn., Mark (YuChong) Holl of Carmel and Michael Holl of Carmel.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 7, with visitation one hour preceding the service. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Ind.

Memorials may be given to Christ Lutheran LWML, 10055 E. 186th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Oren Bontrager

GOSHEN — Oren Lee Bontrager, 56, of rural Goshen died at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Sam Miller residence at 14704 C.R. 28, Goshen. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the Lamar Bontrager residence, 14394 C.R. 28, Goshen.

Condolences may be sent online to www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Laura Hug

EDGERTON, Ohio — Laura L. Hug, 49, of Edgerton died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at Defiance Inpatient Hospice in Defiance, Ohio.

Mrs. Hug

Mrs. Hug was a 1978 graduate of Edon High School. She was employed at Spangler Candy Co. in Bryan, Ohio, as a sales secretary for 22 years and at Strup Insurance Agency in Edgerton as an agent for 12 years.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton.

She was born Dec. 9, 1959, in Bryan to Marvin J. and Norma D. (Manges) Thiel. She married Van J. Hug on Nov. 22, 1996, in Bryan. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Andy (Tiffany Landers) Eich, of Auburn, Ind., and Joe (Sofia Serrano) Eich, of Montpelier, Ohio; two stepsons, Trevor Hug, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Ethan Hug, of Edgerton; two sisters, Susan Thiel, of Ayersville, Ohio, and Jacquith Imm, of Blakeslee, Ohio; and two brothers, Robert (Tricia) Thiel and Alan Thiel, both of Blakeslee, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., in Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 26, 2009, Thursday

Donald Stuart

EDGERTON, Ohio — Donald R. Stuart, age 79, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton, where he had been a patient for a week.

Mr. Stuart

Mr. Stuart was employed as a truck mechanic at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, Indiana, retiring in 1983 with 36 years of service. He then managed the Edgerton Wash and Fill for 10 years and then managed the Waterloo Speedi-mart for 12 years, retiring in 2004.

Mr. Stuart was a veteran of the Korean War and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio.

Donald R. Stuart was born on September 9, 1929, in Cecil, Ohio, the son of Cecil and Flossie (Gordon) Stuart. He married Marietta Reas on December 30, 1952, in Bryan, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rena Bowen of Edgerton, Ohio, and Machelle (John) Pepple of Waterloo, Indiana; a grandson, Cody Collin, of Waterloo, Indiana; and a stepgrandson, Jim Pepple of Waterloo.

Visitation for Donald R. Stuart will be today, Thursday, February 26, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Services will be held on Friday, February 27, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Edgerton with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith Post 10 of the Edgerton American Legion.

Memorials in the name of Donald R. Stuart may be given to St. Mary Catholic School or Church.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Carole Halferty

SOUTH MILFORD — Carole A. Halferty, 74, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, 403 S. Main St.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Reydyn Price

ALBION — Reydyn Oshean Price, 29 days old, died at 10:42 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday prior to services.

To sign an online register or send condolences, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Geraldine Houser

AUBURN — Geraldine (Buhl) Houser, 92, of Auburn died Monday, February 23, 2009, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

She was born January 28, 1917, in Winchester, Ind.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Sue Houser of Auburn; her grandchildren, Mike and Carrie Houser of Boston, Mass., and Nicki and Alex Pinnington of Auburn; and her great-grandchildren, Jackson, Madison and Gracie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold.

There are no services.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Lowanda Myers

PLEASANT LAKE — Lowanda M. Myers, 70, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

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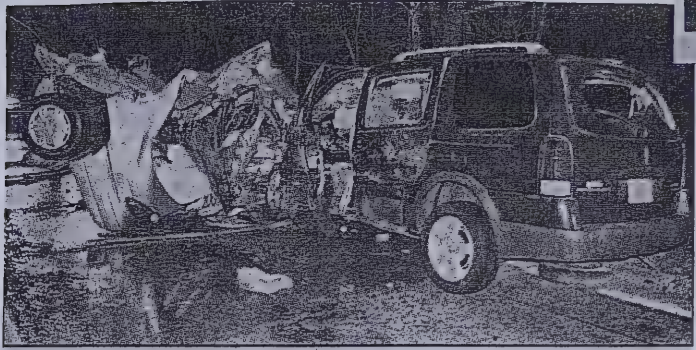
DeKalb crash kills 1, injures 3



JEFF JONES

A St. Joe man died and three Butler residents were critically injured in a crash Thursday on S.R. 1, south of Spencerville. The impact cut in half a car shown at left. It was driven by Jason R. Snook, 35, of St. Joe, who died at the scene. Three people in the van at right were flown to a Fort Wayne hospital for treatment.

SPENCERVILLE — A St. Joe man died and three Butler residents sustained serious injuries in a crash Thursday night on S.R. 1 south of Spencerville.

Jason R. Snook, 35, of the 500 block of Jefferson Street, St. Joe, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to a DeKalb County Police news release. He suffered a fatal head injury, police said.

Snook was driving a 1996 Chevrolet Lumina that spun and collided with a 2006 Pontiac Montana driven by Melissa A. Cook, 29, of the 5100 block of C.R. 75-A, Butler. Cook sustained a fractured right leg and was listed in critical condition at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, police said.

Two children in Cook's vehicle sustained internal trauma and also are listed in critical condition at Parkview Hospital. Trystan Jordan, 11, and Cameron Jordan, 9, both live at the same address as Cook, according to the police report.

Police said Snook was driving southbound in the 7100 block of S.R. 1 at 8:37 p.m. when his car went off the right side of the roadway. When it re-entered the road, he lost control of the car, and it spun counter-clockwise across the center line into the northbound lane.

Cook's northbound van hit Snook's car in the passenger side at a right angle. Snook was partially ejected by the impact.

The crash pinned Cook in her

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vehicle, and Southeast Fire Rescue personnel extricated her. A Parkview Samaritan Air Ambulance flew Cook and Cameron Jordan to Parkview Hospital. A Lutheran Air Ambulance took Trystan Jordan to the hospital.

DeKalb County Police Sgt. Adam D. Friedel investigated the crash. DeKalb County Police received assistance from Southeast firefighters, Northeast (Allen County) firefighters, DeKalb EMS, the Allen County Sheriff's Department and the DeKalb County coroner's office, in addition to Lutheran Air and Samaritan Air.

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February 27, 2009, Friday

Carole Halferty

SOUTH MILFORD — Carole A. Halferty, 76, of South Milford died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Halferty was a secretary with McCray Refrigeration and Group Dekko before retiring in 1995. She and her daughter, Cathy, had owned C&C Craft Shop in Kendallville.

Mrs. Halferty

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1951.

Mrs. Halferty was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church and the LaGrange County Homemakers.

She was born in Noble County on Sept. 8, 1932, to B. Harry and Glendis (Forker) Smith. She married Lynn Halferty on May 3, 1952. He survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are three sons, Danny Halferty of Albion, Randy and Mary Halferty of Harriett, Ark., and Doug Halferty of South Milford; a daughter, Cathy and Jeff Hunter of Kendallville; five grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and two sisters, Joan and Jim Bryant of South Milford and Glendyn Wright of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Barbara Cross officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery in South Milford. Pallbearers will be Erik Halferty, Iden Halferty, Jeff Halferty, Jeff Bryant, Scott Gamble and Jonathan Stegemann.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Charles Price

MICHIGAN CITY — Charles F. Price, 81, of Michigan City, formerly of Ligonier, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

To sign an online register or send condolences go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Lawanda Myers

PLEASANT LAKE — Lowanda M. Myers, 70, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

She was born May 23, 1938, in Garrett to Charles and Beulah (Curtland) Hurd.

Surviving are three sons, Bryan Myers and his companion Tonyia Sawyer, Gary Myers and Craig Myers, all of Pleasant Lake; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Charles Hurd of Bryan, Ohio, David Hurd of Westville, Ind., Steve and Sandy Hurd of Garrett and Johnny Hurd of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Norma and Darwin Combs of Auburn; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 27, 2009, Friday

Barbara Firestone

EDON, Ohio — Barbara F. Firestone, 64, of rural Edon died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Firestone had resided in the Edon area most of her life and was a graduate of Camden-Frontier High School.

She was a member of Mount Union Christian Union Church and the Angola Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Firestone was inducted into the Angola Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

She was born July 16, 1944, in Chicago to Pauline Kerr and Richard D. Turner Sr. She married Wayne A. Firestone on Sept. 10, 1980. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Scott (Bethany) Firestone of Denim Springs, La., Michael (Kelly Barron) Firestone of Montpelier, Ohio, and Andrew (Melinda) Firestone of Edgerton, Ohio; six daughters, Carla (Mike) Armey of Edon, Gina (Shelia Witter) Gambler of Hamilton, Ind., Paula (Scott) Pearson of Paden City, W.Va., Alice (Phillip) Williams of Topeka, Teddie (Thomas) Steele of Woodbridge, Va., and Lisa (Jason) Alpaugh of Montpelier; 43 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Lee (Penny) Turner of Pioneer, Ohio, and a sister-in-law, Barbara Turner of Pioneer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, David Leroy Long; and a brother, Richard D. Turner Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier with Pastor Glenn Prine officiating. Burial will be in Osborne Cemetery in Hillsdale County, Mich.

Calling will be form 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ruth Long

ASHLEY — Ruth F. Long, 86, of Ashley, formerly of Churubusco, died at 8:32 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Highland Park Cemetery, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with a memorial service at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 27, 2009, Friday

Robert Kuckuck

ROANOKE — Robert Kuckuck, 88, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at his son's home in Roanoke.

Mr. Kuckuck was a lifetime farmer and also worked for 11 years at Auburn Gear in Auburn before retiring in 1983.

He was born Feb. 11, 1921, in Corunna to Carl and Ida (Betz) Kuckuck. He married Jean Anderson on Dec. 18, 1941, in Decatur and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanette and Elery Kimes of Bellville, Texas, and Mary Alice and Larry Stoy of Pleasant Lake; a son, Carl Kuckuck of Roanoke; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Thelma Schmidt of Monsanto, Wash.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Stoy; a granddaughter, Kristi Kimes; a great-grandson, Joshua Stoy; and three brothers, Russell, Lloyd and Orval Kuckuck.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Pastor James Bachman officiating. Burial in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Huntington.

James Easterday

KENDALLVILLE — James A. Easterday, 84, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009 at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Charles Richey

ALBION — Charles G. "Chuck" Richey, 71, of High Lake, died at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Reydyn Price

ALBION — Reydyn Oshean Price, 29 days old, died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 10:42 PM at Parkview North Hospital.

He was born January 26, 2009, in Fort Wayne to Miles and Charity (Helbert) Price, both survive in Albion.

Also surviving are three brothers, Brandon, Drake and his twin, Jeydyn Price; sisters, Chastity and Anna Price; Paternal grandparents, William and Patricia Price of Wawaka; maternal grandparents, Linda and Mark Alexander of Yoder and Mike and Jane Helbert of Albion; Paternal great-grandmother, Dorsie Patton of Floyd County, Ky.; maternal great-grandmothers, Vivian Andress of Arcola and Beverly Alexander of Arcola; aunts and uncles, Alaina Price, Michelle and Chris Harlan, Chad and Kristen Helbert, and Caine and Kristina Helbert.

Funeral services for Reydyn will be today at 3 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Gary Lovens will officiate.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. today prior to the service.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

To sign an online register or send condolences, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 28, 2009, Saturday

Glenna Tritch

HAMILTON — Glenna M. Tritch, 82, of Hamilton died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Tritch

Mrs. Tritch worked for Harger's Meats in Hamilton and most recently at Gay's Supermarket in Angola, retiring in 1976.

She attended the Hamilton Church of Christ.

She was born May 22, 1926, in Otsego Township in Steuben County to Virgil and Goldie (Wright) Harger.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela and Steve Graham of Amarillo, Texas, and Wendy and Mike Richardson of Hamilton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph G. and Diane Chipman of Seaside, Calif., and Stephen and Diana Chipman of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Donna Harger of Hamilton; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren with two on the way.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Joseph Albert Chipman; her second husband, Donald Keith Tritch; and a son, Curtis Tritch.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton, with Jeff Alexander officiating.

Memorials are to the Riley Children's Hospital or the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Price

MICHIGAN CITY — Charles F. Price, 81, of Michigan City and formerly of Ligonier died Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

Mr. Price

He was born August 17, 1927, in Nappanee, Indiana, to Harry and Bernetha nee Hartman Price.

He had been a member of the Ligonier community from 1955 to 2007.

He married Elsie Polyak on May 3, 1952, in Detroit, Michigan. She died on September 9, 2006.

He served in the United States Navy during WWII.

He was a service station owner in Ligonier for 28 years, worked for the Porter Dealership for eight years and also at E.T. Auto for seven years.

He was a member of the Elks, lifetime member of the West Noble American Legion Post 243, and also a member of the VFW.

Surviving are daughters, Cheryl Allen of Michigan City, and Lorraine (Mark) Kramer of Schaumburg, Illinois; and his grandchildren, Rachel Allen of Muncie and Jeremy Allen of Lancaster, South Carolina.

He is preceded in death by his wife, parents, a daughter, Marianne Price, and a sister, Sarah Holden.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 28, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier. Memorial calling will be one hour before the service.

To sign an online register or send condolences, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Jason Snook

ST. JOE — Jason Robert Snook, 35, of St. Joe died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2009, as the result of injuries in a traffic accident at Spencerville.

Mr. Snook worked as an assembler at Meridian Automotive in Grabill.

He was a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ in St. Joe.

He was born on March 24, 1973, in Harvard, Mass., to Steven Snook and Terrie (DeYoung) Mills.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Terrie and Michael Mills of St. Joe; his father, Steven Snook of Garrett; a brother, Michael Snook of St. Joe; two sisters, Joni (Daniel) Blanton of Garrett and Tricia (Jeff) Dowty of Fort Wayne; a niece, Alyssa Snook; a nephew, Korbin Allman; and his grandparents, Carl and Janice DeYoung of Corunna, Joan Mills of St. Joe and Gerry Snook of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Mary Snook, and a grandfather, Ward Mills.

Calling will be held from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Services will be held on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joe Church of Christ with Pastor Eddie Clark officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Memorials are to the family in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

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James Easterday

Mr. Easterday

KENDALLVILLE — James Adrian Easterday, 85, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Easterday had been employed with McCray Refrigeration for 21 years and retired from the AirWay Corp.

He served his country in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theater.

Mr. Easterday was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240 and Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Kendallville to Laurel and Bernice (Kline) Easterday.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diana and Duane Sholl of Fort Bragg, Calif., Sue Ann Merott of Missouri and Kay Ellen and Doug Wolford of Kendallville; three grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Pat Easterday of Kendallville and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Frances and Robert Gillespie of Kendallville and Mae and Paul Hubartt of Warren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Laurel Easterday Jr.; and three sisters, Donnabelle, Virginia and Betty.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Larry Hubartt officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military graveside honors conducted by members of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Grace Weber

EDGERTON, Ohio — Grace I. Weber, 84, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 3:40 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials in the name of Grace I. Weber may be given to Dayspring Community Church or to Child Evangelism and Fellowship, P.O. Box 362, Auburn, IN 46706.

Sharon Guenin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Sharon Lou Ann Guenin, 67, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at 7 a.m. at her home in Wolcottville.

Graveside services will take place Monday, March 2, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Eden Cemetery in Topeka. Ken Weaver will officiate.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Windmill Museum, P.O. Box 5048, Kendallville. Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 1, 2009, Sunday

Champion of the underdog

The Rev. Sidney Short of Auburn stood up for justice

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — The Rev. Sidney A. Short retired to Auburn in 1993. His 16 years in his new home must have seemed tame, compared to his 42-year career as a pastor in Michigan.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The Rev. Short

Short, who died Jan. 16 at the age of 80, was used to making waves in his congregations and communities.

He started early in his career, some 50 years ago, when he shared a pulpit with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Battle Creek's First Methodist Church.

The city's largest black church could not hold the crowd expected to turn out for King, so Short's church offered to play host to the civil rights leader, said Short's son, Matt Short of Auburn.

"The church was jammed. They had people standing in the basement, even," the Rev. Short's wife, Alice, recalled.

The Rev. Short and King also dined together that night.

"I was most proud of him because he was very much a champion of civil rights," Matt Short said of his father.

A few years later in the 1960s, Short was pastoring a church in predominantly white St. Joseph, Mich. When he set up a shared Bible school with a black church in neighboring Benton Harbor, some people threatened to leave Short's congregation.

"He never backed down from anyone," his son recalled. "He said, 'You can't back down from doing the right thing, even if it's unpopular.'"

Short's last assignment took him to the 1,600-member Central United Methodist Church in Lansing, Mich., across the street from the state capitol building. He opened its doors to allow homeless people to sleep inside, started a food bank and clothing ministry and recruited black intern pastors.

"In that church in Lansing, we had CEOs and street people, and they were all welcome," Matt Short remembered.

The Rev. Short and his wife housed 125 refugees in their home, up to a dozen at a time, for short terms until they could find living quarters. They came from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Poland.

"I learned how to cook rice," Mrs. Short said.

Matt Short met his wife, Nhien, while her Vietnamese refugee family was staying with his parents.

The Shorts took in refugees through Catholic Social Services. The agency honored the Shorts as its family of the year in Lansing.

"People thought that was really funny, with him being a Methodist minister. He said, 'We're all on the same team,'" Matt Short said.

The Rev. Short entered college at age 16 and graduate school at 19.

"He wanted to be a minister when he was a little kid. That's all he wanted to be," his son said.

Growing up in Detroit fueled the Rev. Short's sense of social justice. But he enjoyed small-town life on some of his pastoral assignments and during his retirement in Auburn, his son said.

> *"He said, 'You can't back down from doing the right thing, even if it's unpopular.'"*
>
> **Matt Short**
> Son of the Rev. Sidney Short

The Shorts moved to Auburn to be near their son, when Matt joined the staff of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum.

As a retired pastor, Short frequently preached in United Methodist churches at Hamilton and at Norris Chapel and Maple Grove in rural DeKalb County.

Local congregations learned he had a spirited sense of humor. In his office as a pastor, he displayed a painting of Jesus that portrayed Christ laughing, Matt Short said. "If He doesn't have a sense of humor, we're all in trouble," the Rev. Short would say.

"He loved Auburn," his son said. "He liked walking down to Peck's barber shop and getting a haircut and going over to talk to Owen Eckert," a local jeweler who died last year.

Short joined the Auburn Lions Club and attended Auburn First United Methodist Church, where he met a fellow retired pastor, the Rev. J. Wilbur Yates.

Short was "a man of strong convictions," Yates said, with "a deep dedication to the church and its traditions."

Short helped lead one of the most successful financial campaigns at the Auburn church, Yates said.

"He was a very enthusiastic man," Matt Short said of his father. "He was kind of a guy they sent in when a church was broken — to fix it. He could really rally enthusiasm."

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Sharon Guenin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Sharon Lou Ann Guenin, 67, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at 7 a.m. at her home in Wolcottville, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born June 14, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Burl and Ruth (nee Taylor) Price. She has been in the community for 30 years. On July 2, 1960, she married Walter E. Guenin Jr. at the First Christian Church in Fort Wayne. He survives in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Guenin was a homemaker who spent a lot of time and loved Atwood Shores Lake Campground in Wolcottville. She enjoyed the Windmill Museum in Kendallville and this past winter dedicated their Christmas decorations to the Windmill Museum for their Christmas light festival.

Other survivors include children Marc Edward (Theresa) Guenin of Kendallville, and Kevin Scott Guenin and his fiancee, Linda Tepe, of Wolcottville; grandchildren, Corbin Scott Guenin; and great-grandchild, Jazen Scott Miller.

Graveside services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. at Eden Cemetery in Topeka. Ken Weaver will officiate. Pallbearers will be Don Bateman, Chris Bateman, Chad Bateman, David Barhydt, Doug Barhydt, Corbin Guenin and Glenda Guenin.

Please make memorials in memory of Sharon Guenin to the Kendallville Windmill Museum, P.O. Box 5048, Kendallville, IN 46755. Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

H. Lyle Cary

HAMILTON — H. Lyle Cary, 78, of Hamilton died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009.

Mr. Cary was employed as a machinist with Pittsfield of Indiana in Hamilton, retiring with 42 years of service.

He was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and formerly served on the Board of Zoning Appeals of Steuben County. He was an avid flight enthusiast, learning to fly before he could drive a car.

Mr. Cary was born April 2, 1930, near Hamilton, the son of Erwin G. and Helen (Merriett) Cary.

He married Orpha L. Eddy on Dec. 31, 1951, in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Eric and Susan Cary of Ligonier and David Cary of Hamilton; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Ron Miller of Montpelier, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cynthia Jeanne Miller, in 1991 and one brother, Robert Cary.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jack Smith officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or Youth for Christ, P.O. Box 424, Auburn, IN 46706.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed online at krillfuneralservice.com.

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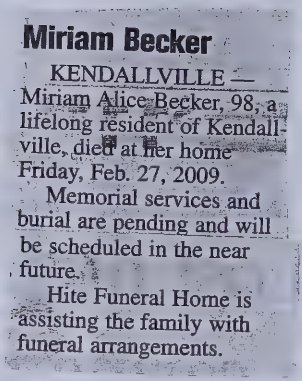
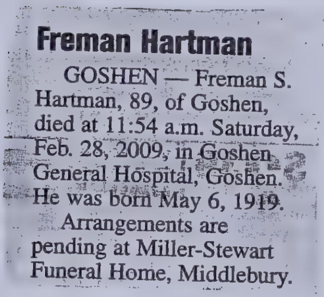


Miriam Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Miriam Alice Becker, 98, a lifelong resident of Kendallville, died at her home Friday, Feb. 27, 2009.

Memorial services and burial are pending and will be scheduled in the near future.

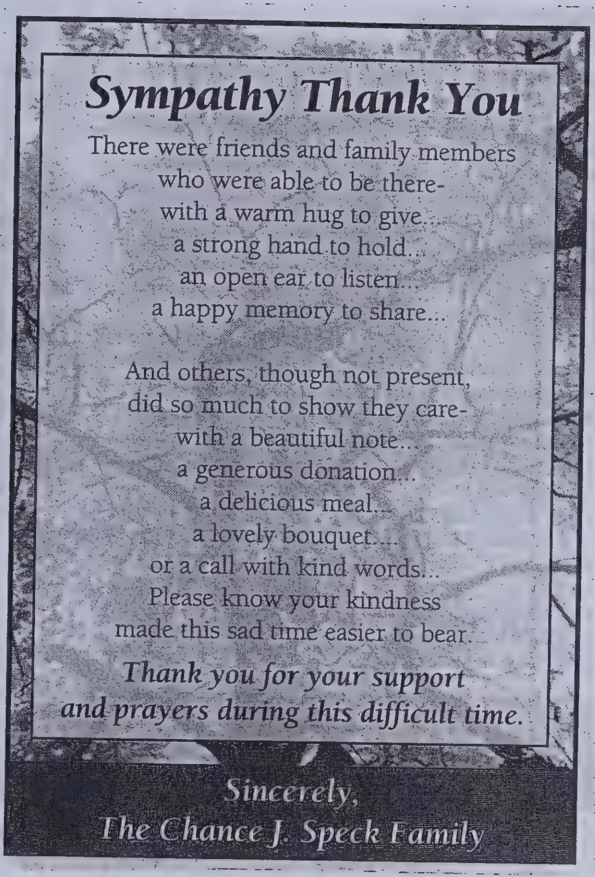
Hite Funeral Home is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.



Freman Hartman

GOSHEN — Freman S. Hartman, 89, of Goshen, died at 11:54 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. He was born May 6, 1919.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.



Sympathy Thank You

There were friends and family members
who were able to be there-
with a warm hug to give...
a strong hand to hold...
an open ear to listen...
a happy memory to share...

And others, though not present,
did so much to show they care-
with a beautiful note...
a generous donation...
a delicious meal...
a lovely bouquet...
or a call with kind words...
Please know your kindness
made this sad time easier to bear.

Thank you for your support
and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
The Chance J. Speck Family

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Miriam Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Miriam Alice Becker, 98, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at her residence.

The lifetime Kendallville resident was on the cradle roll from birth at Evangelical United Brethren (now Faith United Methodist Church) and a formal member since 1920. She was very active in the church, serving in various capacities.

Mrs. Becker

In addition to raising her 10 children, she was employed as a nurse with Kendallville Lutheran Home for 20 years before retiring in 1976. She loved to cook for her family and friends and enjoyed sewing.

On March 6, 1910, in Kendallville, she was born to Lemmon S. and Emma E. (Kurrie) Warble. She married Ralph C. "Jack" Becker on Nov. 13, 1929, and he preceded her in death on March 13, 1970.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen, Cotopaxi, Colo., Jannis and James Tuttle, Auburn, Rozanne Becker, Fort Wayne, Linda and Fred McWhinney, Kendallville, and Victoria Becker, Kendallville; a son-in-law, Allan Simon, Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Sandra Becker, Fort Collins, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three daughters, Marjorie E. Becker, Nancy J. Simon and Miriam Louise Coil; a son, Richard E. Becker; a great-granddaughter, Rebecca Coil; and two sisters, Lucille Twitchell and Dorothy Mathews.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St., Kendallville, with Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Faith United Methodist Church choir.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Freman Hartman

GOSHEN — Freman S. Hartman, 89, of Goshen died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W. U.S. 20, Shipshewana. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

H. Lyle Cary

HAMILTON — H. Lyle Cary, 78, of Hamilton died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009.

Mr. Cary was employed as a machinist with Pittsfield of Indiana in Hamilton, retiring with 42 years of service.

He was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and formerly served on the Board of Zoning Appeals of Steuben County. He was an avid flight enthusiast, learning to fly before he could drive a car.

Mr. Cary was born April 2, 1930, near Hamilton, the son of Erwin G. and Helen (Merriett) Cary.

He married Orpha L. Eddy on Dec. 31, 1951, in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Eric and Susan Cary of Ligonier and David Cary of Hamilton; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Ron Miller of Montpelier, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cynthia Jeanne Miller, in 1991 and one brother, Robert Cary.

Services will be Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jack Smith officiating.

Calling will be Saturday, March 7, from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or Youth for Christ, P.O. Box 424, Auburn, IN 46706.

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THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 3 2009, Tuesday

Thelma Sherlock

GARRETT — Thelma H. Sherlock, 97, died Monday, March 2, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born in Richland Township. She was a homemaker and secretary for Ohio Art Co. in Bryan, Ohio, for 23 years, retiring in 1978. She also worked at Auburn Rubber Co. for over 20 years.

She was a member of First Christian Church in Auburn and was a past president of Richland Township Home Demonstration Club.

Surviving are her son-in-law, Gerald Kleeman of Garrett; two granddaughters, Lori Vieceli of Palatine, Ill., and Geraldine Kleeman of Chicago; a grandson, James Kleeman of London, Ohio; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Sherlock.

A service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. M.W. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, IN 46706.

Michelle Miller

HUNTERTOWN — Michelle Burget Miller, 40, of Huntertown died at 12:57 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with burial in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Joseph Garrett

BLUFFTON — Joseph Dean Garrett, 88, of Bluffton died Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, Bluffton.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home, 318 W. Washington St., Bluffton. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services on Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.thomarich.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 3 2009, Tuesday

Tom Fulk

CHURUBUSCO — Tom L. Fulk, 71, of rural Churubusco died Sunday, March 1, 2009, at 4 p.m. at his residence north of Churubusco. Although he had been in declining health, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Fulk was born in Green Township on Oct. 28, 1937, a son of Jess L. and Clara A. (Boggs) Fulk. He spent his formative years in Camden, Mich., before returning to this area with his parents as a teenager. As an adult, he lived in Collins for a period, and had lived at his present farm home in Smith Township since 1972.

Mr. Fulk

On Aug. 17, 1957, at Ege he was married to Mary A. Martin. She died Feb. 22, 1981.

He was married in Churubusco to Marilyn J. Geiger on May 28, 1982. She died March 24, 2007.

Employed at American Hoist in Fort Wayne for 24 years, he retired as a materials handler at C&A Tool & Engineering in Churubusco after 14 years. He was also engaged in farming. In his leisure time he enjoyed working with livestock and going to the sale barn. He especially enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Vaughn and Tina Fulk of Columbia City, Erin and Mike Sneary of Avilla, Allison and Larry Patton of Churubusco, Vincent Fulk of Angola, Amy and Lee Tilbury of Avilla, Virgil and Jennifer Fulk of Columbia City and Christi and Perry Coe of Churubusco; his stepchildren and their spouses, Max L. and Sandy Herendeen and Teresa and Mike Byrum, all of Columbia City, and Terry Herendeen and Mary Lou and Bill Vaught, all of Churubusco; a brother, Richard Fulk of Wolf Lake; two sisters, Bonnie Resner of Speedwell, Tenn., and Elizabeth "Jill" Pegg of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Mary Ellen Fulk, in addition to his parents and two wives.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Rick Van Horn the facilitator. Interment will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the Churubusco High School baseball program.

To leave an online condolence, visit sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 4, 2009, Wednesday

Virgil Harger

HAMILTON — Virgil Dean Harger, 79, of Hamilton died Monday, March 2, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a long and courageous battle with several illnesses.

Mr. Harger was a well-known longtime Hamilton businessman. He had owned Harger's Meats in Hamilton 55 years with his wife and sons.

He was a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church and an active supporter of Youth for Christ.

Mr. Harger loved golfing, fishing and family get-togethers.

His great-grandchildren were the love of his life.

He was born Sept. 5, 1929, in Williams County, Ohio, to Virgil T. and Goldie M. (Wright) Harger. He married Donna Jeanne Haughey on April 26, 1952. She survives.

Surviving with his beloved wife of 56 years are six children and their spouses, Suzie and Pat Tyler of Hamilton, Marty and Tom Suntken of Hamilton, Anita Jo Harger of Hamilton, Lori and David Dove of Hamilton, Jim and Cindy Harger of Bryan, Ohio, and Jeff and Pam Harger of Hamilton; 14 grandchildren, Megan and Tom Stoy, Alecia and Nathan Pfefferkorn, Andy and Holly Tyler, Grant Tyler, Nicole Harger, Jared Harger, Brianna Harger, Amanda and Joe Brennan, Trevor Suntken, Katie Harger, Jordan Harger, Amber and Jim Stuckey, Andrea Dove and Alyse Dove; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Glenna Tritch; and two great-grandchildren, Justin Thomas Suntken and Eric Maxwell Harger.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 6, at Hamilton United Methodist Church with Pastor Jack Smith officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in rural Hamilton.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Memorials are to Hamilton United Methodist Church or the DeKalb Area Youth for Christ.

Harger's Meats founder dies

HAMILTON — Longtime Hamilton businessman Virgil Dean Harger, 79, died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a long fight with several illnesses.

Harger was a well-known Hamilton businessman as the owner of Harger's Meats in Hamilton 55 years with his wife and sons. The business continues under the guidance of son Jeff Harger on C.R. 200N near Crooked Lake and Lake James.

Hamilton businessman Carl Swift said he'd been a customer of Harger's for more than 60 years and knew him all his life.

"He was very good for Hamilton, a very successful businessman" Swift said. "I've always respected Dean. Sometimes he could be a little brash, but you always knew he meant well."

An obituary appears on Page A4.

Clarinda Begley

ORLAND — Clarinda Begley, 87, of Orland died Monday, March 2, 2009, at Orland.

Mrs. Begley was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Steuben County Church of Christ.

She was born Nov. 3, 1921, in Hazard, Ky., to George and Susan A. (Combs) Hurt. She married Paul Begley on Sept. 21, 1946. He died Dec. 20, 2008.

Surviving are three sons, James Darrel and Nancy Begley of Orland, Kenneth Ray Begley of Angola and Ronnie Jay and Pamela Begley of Bronson, Mich.; four daughters, Louise and Charlie Williams of Orland, Carol and Keith Bailey of Owosso, Mich., Pauline and Ron Howard of Ligonier and Doshia and Larry Rathert of Angola; two sisters, Doshie Everidge of Angola and Liza Miller of Bluffton; 28 grandchildren; 84 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Bill Romans officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 4, 2009, Wednesday

Beverly Cornett

BLOOMFIELD — Beverly Ann Cornett, 65, of Bloomfield, Indiana, died at 8:35 p.m. Saturday, February 28, 2009, in Greene County General Hospital in Linton, Indiana.

Mrs. Cornett

Mrs. Cornett grew up in Brighton. She and her husband had lived in the Kendallville and Rome City areas for several years.

She was born October 7, 1943, in Sturgis, Michigan, to Elwood and Edith (McKenzie) Grove.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Cornett of Rome City; a son, Lonnie and Laura Cornett of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; a daughter, Wendy McKinley of Bloomfield; seven grandchildren, Jacob Cornett, Katherine Cornett, Benjamin Cornett, Cory Cornett, Zakerey Cornett, Keylah McKinley and Alysha Laughter; two great-grandchildren, Aries Cornett and Esreal Cornett; a brother, Terry Grove of Rome City; and two sisters, Phyllis Hufnagle of Syracuse, and Karen Leu of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Phillip Grove.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville. Burial will be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Visitation will be Friday, March 6, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation or Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Chester Rigsby

ASHLEY — Chester A. Rigsby, 83, of Ashley died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at his home in Ashley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to the service Friday.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting with arrangements.

Jim Lahey

KENDALLVILLE — Jim Lahey, 74, of Kendallville and formerly of Chicago, died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Betty Whaley

ALBION — Betty J. Whaley, 76, of Albion died at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at her residence.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam. A reception will be in the church multipurpose room after the services.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel Mission Fund or to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 4, 2009, Wednesday

Miriam Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Miriam Alice Becker, 98, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Becker

The lifetime Kendallville resident was on the cradle roll from birth at Evangelical United Brethren (now Faith United Methodist Church) and a formal member since 1920. She was very active in the church, serving in various capacities.

In addition to raising her 10 children, she was employed as a nurse with Kendallville Lutheran Home for 20 years before retiring in 1976. She loved to cook for her family and friends and enjoyed sewing.

On March 6, 1910, in Kendallville, she was born to Lemmon S. and Emma E. (Kurrle) Warble. She married Ralph C. "Jack" Becker on Nov. 13, 1929, and he preceded her in death on March 13, 1970.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen, Cotopaxi, Colo., Jannis and James Tuttle, Auburn, Rozanne Becker, Fort Wayne, Linda and Fred McWhinney, Kendallville, and Victoria Becker, Kendallville; a son-in-law, Allan Simon, Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Sandra Becker, Fort Collins, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three daughters, Marjorie E. Becker, Nancy J. Simon and Miriam Louise Coil; a son, Richard E. Becker; a great-granddaughter, Rebecca Coil; and two sisters, Lucille Twitchell and Dorothy Mathews.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St., Kendallville, with Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Faith United Methodist Church choir.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 4, 2009 Wednesday

Reydyn Oshean Price, 29 days

ALBION - Reydyn Oshean Price, 29 days old, died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 10:42 PM at Parkview North Hospital.

He was born January 26, 2009 in Fort Wayne to Miles and Charity (Helbert) Price. Both survive in Albion.

Also surviving are three brothers, Brandon, Drake and his twin Jeydyn Price; sisters, Chastity and Anna Price; paternal grandparents, William and Patricia Price of Wawaka; maternal grandparents Linda and Mark Alexander of Yoder, and Mike and Jane Helbert of Albion; paternal great grandmother, Dorsie Patton of Floyd County, KY; maternal great grandmothers, Vivian Andress of Arcola, and Beverly Alexander of Arcola; Aunts and Uncles, Alaina Price, Michelle and Chris Harlan, Chad and Kristen Helbert, Caine and Kristina Helbert.

Funeral services for Reydyn were Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion chapel. Pastor Gary Lovens officiated.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

To sign an online register or send condolences, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Carole A. Halferty, 76

SOUTH MILFORD – Carole A. Halferty, age 76, of South Milford, died on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Halferty was born in Noble County on September 8, 1932 to B. Harry and Glendis (Forker) Smith.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1951 and married Lynn Halferty on May 3, 1952.

She was a secretary with McCray Refrigeration and Group Dekko before retiring in 1995. Carole was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church and the LaGrange County Homemakers Club. Along with her daughter, Cathy, she owned C&C Craft Shop in Kendallville in the past.

Survivors include: husband, Lynn Halferty of South Milford; three sons, Danny Halferty of Albion, Randy (Mary) Halferty of Harriett, Arkansas, and Doug Halferty of South Milford; a daughter, Cathy (Jeff) Hunter of Kendallville; five grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren; two sisters, Joan (Jim) Bryant of South Milford, and Glendyn Wright of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters and two grandchildren.

Visitation was at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services were Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Barbara Cross.

Burial was at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford, Indiana.

Casketbearers were Erik Halferty, Iden Halferty, Jeff Halferty, Jeff Bryant, Scott Gamble, and Jonathan Stegemann.

Preferred Memorials may be made to South Milford United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 4, 2009 Wednesday

Betty J. Whaley, 76

ALBION – Betty J. Whaley, 76, a resident of rural Albion and wife of Ralph Whaley, died at 9:10 a. m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at the family residence in Noble Township following an extended illness.

Mrs. Whaley was born in Angola on December 12, 1932, a daughter of Cecil and Mildred (Morrison) Kime.

She spent her formative years in Williams County, Ohio, and graduated from Montgomery High School in 1948.

As a young woman she worked as an executive secretary, and was married on July 28, 1951 in Angola to Ralph Whaley.

The couple spent a brief period in Ohio and in LaGrange before moving to their present home in Noble Township in 1956.

A homemaker for most of her adult life, she had also been an Avon representative. However, the labor of love in her life was operating the Happy Hill Feline Haven--a rescue shelter for cats.

She was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, and had served as the church's missions secretary for many years.

The surviving relatives include her husband Ralph, to whom she was married for over 57 years; her daughters Linda (Roger) Wirt of Duchesne, Utah and Rita Whaley of Quito, Ecuador; a sister Donna Vreeland of Reading, Mich; and a brother Victor (Kathy) Yoder of Delton, Mich.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother Larry Yoder.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 7 at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry L. Zolman, officiating.

The family will receive friends in the church multi-purpose room immediately following the services.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Mission Fund, or to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Whaley's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Jason Robert Snook, 35

ST. JOE — Jason Robert Snook, 35, of St. Joe died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2009, as the result of injuries in a traffic accident at Spencerville.

Mr. Snook worked as an assembler at Meridian Automotive in Grabill.

He was a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ in St. Joe.

He was born on March 24, 1973, in Harvard, Mass., to Steven Snook and Terrie (DeYoung) Mills.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Terrie (Michael) Mills of St. Joe; his father, Steven Robert Snook of Garrett; a brother, Michael Snook of St. Joe; two sisters, Joni (Daniel) Blanton of Garrett and Tricia (Jeff) Dowty of Fort Wayne; a niece, Alyssa Snook; a nephew, Korbin Allman; and his grandparents, Carl and Janice DeYoung of Corunna, Joan Mills of St. Joe and Gerry Snook of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Mary Snook, and a grandfather, Ward Mills.

Services were held on Monday at St. Joe Church of Christ with Pastor Eddie Clark officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 4, 2009 Wednesday

Tom L. Fulk, 71

Tom L. Fulk, 71, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 4:00 p. m. on Sunday, March 1, 2009, at his residence north of Churubusco. Although he had been in declining health, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Fulk was born in Green Township on October 28, 1937, a son of Jess L. and Clara A. (Boggs) Fulk. He spent his formative years in Camden, Michigan before returning to this area with his parents as a teenager. As an adult he lived in Collins for a period, and had lived at his present farm home in Smith Township since 1972.

On August 17, 1957 he was married at Ege to Mary A. Martin.

She preceded him in death on February 22, 1981. He later was married in Churubusco to Marilyn J. Geiger on May 28, 1982. She died on March 24, 2007.

Employed at American Hoist in Fort Wayne, for 24 years, he retired as a materials handler at C&A Tool & Engineering in Churubusco after 14 years. He was also engaged in farming.

In his leisure time he enjoyed working with livestock, going to the sale barn, and most especially enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

The surviving relatives include his children Vaughn (Tina) Fulk of Columbia City, Erin (Mike) Sneary of Avilla, Allison (Larry) Patton of Churubusco, Vincent Fulk of Angola, Amy (Lee) Tilbury of Avilla, Virgil (Jennifer) Fulk of Columbia City, and Christi (Perry) Coe of Churubusco; his step-children Max L. (Sandy) Herendeen and Teresa (Mike) Byrum, both of Columbia City, and Terry Herendeen and Mary Lou (Bill) Vaught, both of Churubusco; a brother Richard Fulk of Wolf Lake; two sisters Bonnie Resner of Speedwell, Tenn. and Elizabeth "Jill" Pegg of Fort Wayne; twenty-three grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and two wives, he was preceded in death by an infant sister Mary Ellen Fulk.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday, March 5, 2009, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn, the facilitator.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Wednesday from 2 to 8 p. m.

Interment will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Churubusco High School Baseball Program.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Fulk's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 4, 2009 Wednesday

Charles G. Richey, 71

ALBION – Charles G. "Chuck" Richey, 71, of High Lake, died at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne where he was admitted earlier in the day.

He was born June 16, 1937 in Marion, Indiana a son of Gerald G. and Viola S. (Musick) Richey. His formative years were spent in Marion and graduated from Marion High School.

On June 24, 1956 he was united in marriage to Mary G. Shipp. They made their first home in Marion. They later resided in Chicago, Bear Lake and Mansfield, Ohio. They made their summer home at High Lake their permanent residence in 1999. Mrs. Richey died September 9, 2005.

He was employed at Atlas Foundry in Marion, Apex in Anderson, Mansfield Brass & Aluminum and Batesville Products Inc.

His memberships included V.F.W. Post #5582 and formerly Eagles Lodge #1906.

Surviving relatives include three children, Charles E. (Kathy) Richey of Aurora, Marla (Thomas) Moore of Gaston and Jodi (Bill) Almack of Albion; eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; three sisters, Barbara Ditsler of Jonesboro, Carrie Johnson of Tennessee and Verna Burnett of Swayzee; and a special friend, Jerry Blessing of Dayton, Ohio.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Bernice Worden.

The funeral service was held at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Pastor Steve Colter officiating. The burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

The family of Frederick Duane Shisler would like to sincerely thank everyone for their sympathy during his illness and passing.

If you shared kind thoughts, kept us in your prayers, brought food, called or comforted us in any way it was appreciated.

We would like to extend a special thank you to, Avalon Village, Southern Care Hospice, Yeager Funeral Home, Pastor Jim Barnes, and Albion Eagles Auxiliary.

Roger, Renee, Rita, Rex, Nancy,
Ned, Norma, Nelda & Carol
And the entire extended Shisler family

Ray C. Shroyer
3-7-94

In God's Care,
Always in my
♥

Ann

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 5, 2009, Thursday

Janet Goodwin

ANGOLA — Longtime Angola resident Janet L. Goodwin, 85, died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Goodwin

Mrs. Goodwin had been an active community member and the bookkeeper for Goodwin's 66 Service Station.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, the Angola BPW, Angola Fire Department Auxiliary and the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary.

Mrs. Goodwin also had been a member of two bridge clubs.

She was born March 23, 1923, in Ray, Ind., to Carlyle and Juanita (Pridgeon) Mitchell. She married William C. Goodwin on Sept. 10, 1944. He died Aug. 26, 2007.

Surviving are a son, David Goodwin of Angola; two daughters, Sara and Donald Silvey of Carmel and Susan and Robert Crankshaw of Angola; a sister, Rosemary and Roger Burlingame of Fremont; five grandchildren, Craig Dragoo, Brent and Melissa Dragoo, Kathy and Sean Mayberry, Matthew and Megan Crankshaw and Adam Crankshaw; and four great-grandchildren, Matthew and Daniel Mayberry and Katie and Ann Crankshaw.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care or Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation.

Carol Schroeder

FORT WAYNE — Carol Jeanne (Crumrine) Schroeder, 77, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, March 1, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Services will be at noon Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and two hours prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Robert Reading

ASHLEY — Robert A. Reading, 56, of Ashley died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reading was a brick mason.

He had served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

He was born Oct. 1, 1952, in Detroit, Mich., to Margaret E. (Collinge) Reading and Jack Reading Sr. His mother survives in Ashley and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving are three brothers and a sister-in-law, Jack Reading of Hudson, Neal Reading of Pleasant Lake and James and Teresa Reading of Hamilton; a sister, Dorris (Reading) Tieman of Fremont; and nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Mr. Reading's life will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Randal Forbes officiating.

Marguerite Kaiser

SPENCERVILLE — Marguerite E. Kaiser, 77, of Spencerville died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, with burial in Scipio Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the church or the American Heart Association.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 5, 2009, Thursday

Betty Whaley

ALBION — Betty J. Whaley, 76, of rural Albion died at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Whaley

Mrs. Whaley was a homemaker and also operated Happy Hill Feline Haven, a rescue shelter for cats. She had served as an executive secretary as a young woman.

She was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel and had served as the church's missions secretary for many years.

Mrs. Whaley spent her formative years in Williams County, Ohio, and graduated from Montgomery High School in 1948.

She was born in Angola on Dec. 12, 1932, to Cecil and Mildred (Morrison) Kime. She married Ralph Whaley on July 28, 1951, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughters, Linda (Roger) Wirt of Duchesne, Utah, and Rita Whaley of Quito, Ecuador; a sister, Donna Vreeland of Reading, Mich.; and a brother, Victor (Kathy) Yoder of Delton, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Larry Yoder.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry L. Zolman officiating.

A reception will be held in the church multi-purpose room immediately following the services.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel Mission Fund or to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

James Lahey

KENDALLVILLE — James Lahey, 74, of Kendallville and formerly of Chicago died Tuesday, March 4, 2009, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating.

Calling will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with a rosary service at 5:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Send condolences to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arden Walgamuth

LEESBURG — Arden Dee Walgamuth, DDS, 72, of Leesburg died at 2:08 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with burial in Stoney Point Cemetery, Clunette.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Serenity House of Warsaw or Gideons.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 6, 2009, Friday

Ruby Pierce

ALBION — Ruby I. Pierce, 99, a lifetime Albion resident, passed away peacefully at 11:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home where she had been a resident since 2002.

Mrs. Pierce was born on March 28, 1909 in Albion to Simon and Anna (Rodman) Merriman. On October 22, 1927, in Goshen, Indiana, she married Webster F. Pierce. He passed away on November 9, 1996, after 69 years of marriage.

Mrs. Pierce loved to sew. She attended the Albion Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was employed for many years at the Black Mercantile in Albion as a clerk and she and her husband owned the poolroom and family restaurant in Albion for many years now known as the Friendly Inn.

Mrs. Pierce is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Mary Jane Pierce of Kendallville; a daughter, Carol "Billie" Bushong of Mason City, Iowa; six grandchildren, Bruce Pierce, Damon Pierce, Greg Pierce, Lana Tumbleson, James Bushong and Mindy Collazo; 16 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband; parents; eight brothers and sisters; and a great-great-grandson, Dakota Bushong, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion.

The Rev. Bret Frymier of the Albion Asbury United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 6, 2009, at the funeral home from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The family prefers memorials be directed to the Albion Asbury United Methodist church in lieu of flowers.

Donna Wright

KENDALLVILLE — Donna Wright, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 6, 2009, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Cathey and Greg McNeal.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville. Burial and graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Alva Cemetery, Alva, Okla.

Calling will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marguerite Kaiser

SPENCERVILLE — Marguerite E. Kaiser, 77, of Spencerville died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kaiser had been a dietary aide for 12 years, retiring in 1996. She had also been a preschool teacher for many years.

Marguerite was a dedicated and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved to cook and plan family events.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 409 Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 4, 1931, in Spencerville to Ora and Dorothy (Hammon) Smith.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Melvin W. Kaiser; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Mike Osborne of Spencerville; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Tammie Kaiser of Leo; a brother and sister-in-law, William "Bill" and Carol Smith of Spencerville; a "sister" and her husband, Dorothy and Rufus Dominguez of Florida; and six grandchildren, Nathan (Elise) Kaiser, Jess (Dani) Kaiser, Paige Kaiser, Payton Kaiser, Katelyn Osborne and Ellen Osborne.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery rural Harlan.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

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March 7, 2009, Saturday

I. Glenn Moore

AUBURN — I. Glenn Moore, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, March 5, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore worked at Fleet Service for North American Van Lines for 20 years, retiring Jan. 1, 1997.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1955 to 1959.

He was an active member of the Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 9, 1936, in Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, to William C. and Georgia A. (Pierce) Moore. They both preceded him in death.

He married Linda Jo Newton, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Glenn Eric and Jeannine Moore of Leo; one daughter and son-in-law, Sherri Jo and Chet Chambers of Auburn; three grandchildren, Mary Michelle Moore, Grace Jeannine Moore, and Hunter Ruth Chambers; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lois F. and Homer Gause of Fort Wayne, and Norma Pierce of Lake City, Fla.; and a brother and sister-in-law, William C. and Mary Moore of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Monday at Cedar Creek Church of Christ, 12606 Leo Road, Fort Wayne, with ministers Mike Kjergaard, Greg Krafft, and Ron Collins officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Cedar Creek Church of Christ, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be directed to the Cedar Creek Church of Christ or the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 411 2nd St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Janet Goodwin

ANGOLA — Longtime Angola resident Janet L. Goodwin, 85, died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Goodwin

Mrs. Goodwin had been an active community member and the bookkeeper for Goodwin's 66 Service Station.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, the Angola BPW, Angola Fire Department Auxiliary and the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary.

Mrs. Goodwin also had been a member of two bridge clubs.

She was born March 23, 1923, in Ray, Ind., to Carlyle and Juanita (Pridgeon) Mitchell. She married William C. Goodwin on Sept. 10, 1944. He died Aug. 26, 2007.

Surviving are a son, David Goodwin of Angola; two daughters, Sara and Donald Silvey of Carmel and Susan and Robert Crankshaw of Angola; a sister, Rosemary and Roger Burlingame of Fremont; five grandchildren, Craig Dragoo, Brent and Melissa Dragoo, Kathy and Sean Mayberry, Matthew and Megan Crankshaw and Adam Crankshaw; four great-grandchildren, Matthew and Daniel Mayberry and Katie and Anna Crankshaw; and a brother and sister-in-law, Max and Thelma Mitchell of Fremont.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling was from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care or Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 7, 2009, Saturday

Donna Wright

KENDALLVILLE — Donna Mai Wright, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 5, 2009, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Cathey and Greg McNeal in DeKalb County.

Mrs. Wright

She moved from Alva, Okla., in the '60s and lived in New Jersey, Alabama and in Midland, Mich., for more than 30 years. She moved to Kendallville in 1993 from Michigan.

Mrs. Wright was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She was also a member of golf leagues at the Elks and at Cobblestone.

Mrs. Wright was a past member of the Kendallville Planning Commission, a past Cole Center Family YMCA board member, and president of the neighborhood association for Knolls of Fairview.

Mrs. Wright was born in Weatherford, Okla., on Aug. 5, 1931, to Alford Wayne and Opal Geraldine (Munson) Mallory. She married Paul Edward Wright on May 27, 1949, in Oklahoma the day after she graduated from high school. He died in February 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathey and Greg McNeal of Corunna; a son, Chris Earl Wright of Cadillac, Mich.; four grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and a sister and brother-in-law, Waynell and Robert Wiebener of Alva, Okla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial and graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Alva Cemetery in Alva, Okla.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church Building Fund.

View a video tribute or send condolences online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Leila Appleton

WOLF LAKE — Leila H. Appleton, 72, of Kimmell died at 1:50 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Committal service will follow at Wolf Lake Cemetery, Wolf Lake.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Roy Sutphin Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Roy R. "Jimmy" Sutphin Jr., 70, died Thursday, March 5, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sutphin was plant controller with Wayne Candies for 22 years.

Mr. Sutphin

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nikki and Michael Coushman of Nashville, Tenn., and Kristina Sutphin-Carter of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Roy R. "R.J." and Heather Sutphin of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two sisters, Phyllis Rapini of St. Louis, Mo., and Judy Detamore of Gas City.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ronald Morris

BUTLER — Ronald Morris, 65, of Butler died Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

No visitation or funeral services are planned.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

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March 7, 2009, Saturday

Robert Allen

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas business owner Robert Denney Allen passed away March 3, 2009.

Bob was born July 1, 1936, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He married Barbara (Miller) Allen in 1959 and they shared a happily married life together for 49 years.

He brought his young family to Las Vegas in 1970, and in 1976 started what would become the oldest locally-owned and operated executive search firm, Allen & Associates, placing executives and financial leaders.

A true salesman and entrepreneur, Bob built a successful firm through determination, understanding of people, a strong code of ethics, and an excellent financial mind, along with perfecting the intricate art of headhunting.

He expanded the business to incorporate a temporary placement firm: ATS — Allen Temporary Staffing bringing on his youngest daughter, Marla Allen (Kinner), in the business in 1991. He was happy to see his eldest daughter, Kimberley K. Allen (Brelsford), running the Temporary Division in 2006.

Bob was a devoted husband and best friend to his wife, Barbara.

He enjoyed traveling to his lake home in Indiana. He got a kick out of seeing his daughters, granddaughters and sons-in-law enjoying his boats, fishing, barbecuing and loved feeding his beautiful white swans that would regularly visit him for Ritz crackers.

An avid reader and history buff, he spent many hours researching his family tree, enjoyed old movies and his hero, John Wayne, which led him to join and serve his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Bob enjoyed life, a good steak and a glass of port and loved his family deeply.

He was preceded by his parents, Robert L. Allen and Marceille Geimer; and sisters, Susan Hunter and Marla Bush.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters, Kimberley Kay Allen (Brelsford) and Marla M. Allen (Kinner); his sons-in-law, Michael Brelsford and Mark Kinner; his grandchildren, Madisen Elizabeth and Taylor Kay Kinner and his brother, Mike Bush.

Bob will be remembered and deeply missed by his family and friends in Las Vegas and friends and extended family in Indiana: Carl Geimer, Jim and Linda Miller, Dale and Barb Miller, Dick and Edie Miller, Donna Miller, the late Don Miller and the late Virginia and Gene Goeglein.

He was a truly loyal and generous man and a man of his word, he has left a legacy of a strong family.

"No services, just send a little extra to your favorite charity." — Bob

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 8, 2009, Sunday

Mann was all about her family

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Crystal Mann made her life all about her family.

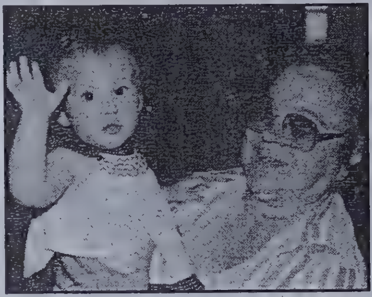
Mann, who was a member of a number of community organizations in the Angola area, died Feb. 14, at 81.

"Mom had lots of friends. You could hardly catch her at home," daughter Denise Hicks said. "It was always this club or that club. I never saw anyone get so many cards on their birthday. It was amazing. She was just a people person. When my dad (Richard Mann) died, she got involved in a lot of these clubs."

Mann was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Red Hat Society, the Steuben County Woman's Club and a number of clubs at the Angola Christian Church, where she also taught Sunday school.

"She taught Sunday school for over 25 years," Mann said. "She would have eight to 10 kids in class every week," said her son, Randy Mann.

Mann said in many ways his mother was picking up the torch for her mother-in-law, who'd helped to keep the financial books for the family's repair shop on North Wayne Street.



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Crystal Mann of Angola was active in the community and cherished time with her family, like her granddaughter Brittany, whether it was making them lunch during work or breakfast before school.

"She just sort of took over the bookkeeping," Mann said. "(We) kids had pretty much grown up out there at the shop. Whenever Mom would have business in town she'd drop us off there."

The relationship between the two women was a good one, he said, and many of the clubs her mother-in-law belonged to she joined. "She knew a lot of the women Grandma Mann knew," Mann said.

Hicks said her mother's sense of family would really shine through in her cooking.

"The biggest thing she was known for was her sugar cookies," she said.

But her cooking went beyond just sweets. "She could always win your heart with her cooking. For me it would be a call me at work and say 'Stop by, I made you salmon patties,' or 'chop suey. Stop by and it will be ready after you get off work.'"

There'd be plenty of mornings, Hicks said, when she would drop her son off at her mother's before school and she would make him breakfast and then get sent off to Carlin Park Elementary or Angola Middle School. "No one, meaning me, could fix bacon the way Grandma did," Hicks said.

Mann said that for their family, their mother was always always an important center. "She was always there for us," Randy said. "She was quite the lady."

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Leila Appleton

Leila H. Appleton, 72, of Kimmell passed away at 1:50 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009, at her residence. Born on Nov. 23, 1936, in Lake County, she was the daughter of Arthur and Ruby (Frashour) Wilson.

She graduated from high school in Hebron. On Nov. 9, 1957, she married Robert A. Appleton in Merrillville. A resident of Wolf Lake since 1978, she was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ligonier.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Robert A. Appleton of Kimmell; daughters, Karen I. Appleton of Wolf Lake, Brenda S. (Troy) Fleetwood of Wolf Lake, Kathy L. (Cecil) Harrison of Albion; son, Roland A. "Chip" (Sarah) Appleton of Wolf Lake; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother, William Wilson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Benjamin R. Ladig, brothers and sisters, Robert, Franklin, Richard, Betty, Clarise, Nolly, Maxine, Jack and Erlene.

Visitation is today from 2-6 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral service is Monday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Committal service will follow at Wolf Lake Cemetery, Wolf Lake.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Appleton's memory to Riley Hospital for Children with envelopes available at the funeral home. Visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Rosemary Bowman

AUBURN — Rosemary A. Bowman, 79, of Auburn, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She was born Feb. 9, 1930, in Auburn to Ray D. and Goldie B. (Livergood) Antrup. She married Andrew Bowman on April 7, 1946, in Auburn, and he survives in Auburn.

Mrs. Bowman

Mrs. Bowman worked for Zimmer of Statesville, N.C. She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn D. and Forrest Skidmore of Statesville, N.C., and Shirley A. Bowman of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry J. and Charlene Bowman of Auburn, and Douglas E. and Gail Bowman of Hamptonville, N.C.; a half sister, Mabel Easterday of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother, Don Matheny of Virginia; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half sister, Claire Catherine Gilbert; and a brother, John Antrup.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Paul Marki officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

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Paul Hursey

CROMWELL - Paul J. Hursey, 82, lifetime Cromwell resident and business owner passed away on Friday, March 6, 2009 at 11:19 P.M. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hursey was born on September 19, 1926 in Cromwell to Orval and Neva (Clouse) Hursey. He married Pauline Baker Hursey on April 12, 1946, at Lake Wawasee.

Mr. Hursey served in the Pacific during World War II in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Hursey was the owner of Hursey's Garage in Cromwell and Wright-Hursey Manufacturing also in Cromwell. While owning the garage it was well known threw out the area that if it couldn't be fixed to take it to Hursey's Garage and it could be fixed.

Mr. Hursey was a master mason belonging to the Cromwell Masonic Lodge F&AM 705, the Scottish Rite and the Mizpah Shrine. He also was a longtime member of the Cromwell Fire Department where he served as fire chief many years he was also a member of the Webster American Legion Post.

Mr. Hursey loved fixing things for people in the area. He also enjoyed woodworking, fixing clocks, working in his shop, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife; Pauline; a son; Steve Hursey of Ligonier, a daughter and son-in-law; Nancy and Edward Bender of Peru; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and a beloved Yorkie Terrier, Molly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

No services are planned at this time, cremation is taking place.

Memorials may be directed to the Noble Co. Council on Aging - TRANSIT Or the Mizpah Shriners Hospital.

Tressie Boyd

QUINCY, Mich. — Tressie (Dury) Boyd, 98, of Quincy, Mich., died Friday, March 6, 2009.

Funeral Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 9, 2009, Monday

Kenneth Jowsay

FREMONT — Kenneth R. Jowsay, 78, of Big Otter Lake, Fremont, died Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Jowsay

On Jan. 17, 1931, in Bronson, Mich., he was born to William Russell and Dorris (Gibbs) Jowsay. He married Eleanor M. (Finicle) on April 7, 1956, in Fremont. She survives in Fremont.

Mr., Jowsay was a retired automotive vocational teacher from Fremont High School. Also he was formerly the used car manager at Jay's Cadillac in Coldwater, Mich., and owner of Jowsay's Auto Sales in the 1960s.

He was a 1951 graduate of Bronson High School, and a member of the LA Breakfast Car Club, and formerly a member of the Fort Wayne Street Rod Association.

He enjoyed racing cars and raced at various race tracks, Avilla, Butler, Quincy, Pleasant Lake, Baer Field and Angola. He also enjoyed street rods, and enjoyed restoring cars, and was a mechanic for Lee Brayton of Coldwater, Mich., as he attempted to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, are: two daughters and son-in-law, Bonnie and Tony Mitchell, Fremont, and Debbie McBride, Fremont; a son, Rob Jowsay, Fremont; and two grandchildren, Betsy and Becky McBride, Indianapolis.

His parents preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beasmfuneralhome.com.

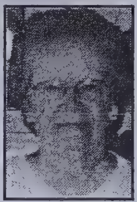
Jeffrey Lawhorn

TOPEKA — Jeffrey D. Lawhorn, 45, of Topeka died at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Parkivew Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville

Eleanor Schlictenmyer

KENDALLVILLE — Eleanor Louise Schlictenmyer, 85, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at her residence.


Mrs. Schlictenmyer

She was a waitress for 34 years at Publix Cafe at the corner of U.S. 6 and S.R. 3 North in Kendallville, and also worked for 12 years at King Seeley in Kendallville from where she retired.

She was born in Kendallville on Jan. 3, 1924, to Charles and Ruby (Martin) Hart. She married Robert Harry Schlichtenmyer on May 8, 1947, in Albion, and he preceded her in death on July 26, 1990.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Larry Heller, Kendallville; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Madelene Zimmerman, Berne, and Barbara Rowe, Garrett; and a brother, Charles "Roy" Hart, Scotts, Mich.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Jack, Richard and Carl Hart, and two sisters, Charlotte Ball and June Freed.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Associatio

Condolences may be sen to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Ruby VanDusen

KENDALLVILLE — Ruby E. VanDusen, 94, of Kendallville died on Monday, March 9, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in LaGrange County on November 23, 1914, to Edward and Eva (Rodman) Caldwell.

Mrs. VanDusen

Mrs. VanDusen married Charles VanDusen on October 25, 1947, in Kendallville. Mr. VanDusen died in 1989.

She worked at Flint & Walling in Kendallville for a number of years, retiring in 1973. Mrs. VanDusen also managed three mobile home parks for 21 years.

She was a member of the Mishawaka Moose for 61 years, the Mishawaka Order of the Eastern Star No. 122 and was very active in the Noble County Democratic Club.

Survivors include three stepgrandchildren, Jeff Ayres of Michigan City, Indiana, Debbie Liscum of California and David Ayres of California; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two stepchildren, Charles VanDusen and Shirley Jean Ayres; one brother; and two sisters.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 12, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 1 p.m at the funeral home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor James D. Bartlett of the Mongo United Methodist Church.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Carolyn Miller

AUBURN — Carolyn Sue Miller, 51, of Auburn died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Robert Saum

BIG TURKEY LAKE — Robert A. Saum, 73, of Big Turkey Lake died Monday, March 9, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or American Heart Association.

Juanita Reid

FORT WAYNE — Juanita Reid, 93, of Allen County died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7914 W. Cook Road.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to the St. John's Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Mildred Close

AUBURN — Mildred E. Close, 102, of Auburn died Monday, March 9, 2009, at her daughter's home in Columbus, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 10, 2009, Tuesday

Angela Lung

GARRETT — Angela K. Lung, 57, of Garrett died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lung was a lifetime Garrett resident and had owned and operated TLC Daycare in Garrett for 33 years.

Mrs. Lung

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 6, 1951, in Garrett to John and Caroline (Falcone) Muzzillo and they preceded her in death. She married Harry W. Lung on Sept. 8, 1973, in Garrett and he survives in Garrett.

She is also survived by a son, Jeremy Michael Lung of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Judith Ann Fields.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. There will be additional calling from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph Catholic School or St. Jude Shrine.

Send condolences or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Jeffrey Lawhorn

TOPEKA — Jeffrey D. Lawhorn, 45, of Topeka died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at 2 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lawhorn had lived in Topeka for the past 17 years and had been a resident of Indiana since he was 4.

Mr. Lawhorn

He was born March 29, 1963, in Charleston, W.Va., to Coy and Eileen (Judd) Lawhorn. He married Tina Bender on April 29, 1990, in Topeka. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Danielle and Tim Troyer of Elkhart, Jennifer Lawhorn of Goshen, Robyn Lawhorn of Topeka and Rebecca Lawhorn of Topeka; his father, Coy Lawhorn of Bristol; and two brothers, Ronald Lawhorn of Middlebury and Charles Lawhorn of Elkhart.

His mother preceded him in death.

A private burial service will take place Wednesday at Eden Cemetery at Topeka. It will be followed by a public memorial service at 11 a.m. at the Prairieview Missionary Church, 2612 Dierdorff Road, Goshen, with Pastor Craig Lambright and Pastor Lyn Stutzman officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the Jeffrey Lawhorn Memorial Fund in care of Farmers State Bank. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Myrle Sprunger

LIGONIER — Myrle "Be" Sprunger, 88, of Ligonier died at 12:15 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Tressie Boyd

QUINCY, Mich. — Tressie (Dury) Boyd, 98, of Quincy in Algansee Township died Friday, March 6, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Boyd was a homemaker and had owned and operated the family farm.

She had also been a Sunday school teacher, an elementary school tutor and a 4-H leader.

Mrs. Boyd

Mrs. Boyd was a member of the Fremont American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 2, 1911, in Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich., to Robert and Olive (Smith) Dury. She married Urias "Doug" Boyd on March 26, 1930. He preceded her in death on Nov. 17, 2008.

Surviving are a daughter, Cherie Cochrane of Quincy; a son, James Boyd of Quincy; two grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Phill Boyd, and her parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Mark Case officiating. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Legion Cassel Post 257 Auxiliary in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Grace Mason

EDON, Ohio — Grace Mason, 90, of Edon died at 5:07 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Interment will follow in the Edon Cemetery, Edon.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Krill Funeral Home in Edon.

Memorials are to the Edon Emergency Medical Service.

Condolences may be sent online to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Terrence Brammall

ANGOLA — Terrence N. Brammall, 60, of Angola died Sunday, March 8, 2009.

Among his survivors is his wife, Nancy.

Services are pending with Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Clayton Slone Sr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Clayton H. Slone Sr., 76, of Wolcottville died Monday, March 9, 2009, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Slone

Mr. Slone retired after working at the Lane Foundry and Newnam (now Dalton) Foundry in Kendallville for a total of 34 years. He had also worked eight years at Walker's in Ligonier.

He was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church.

He was born Jan. 15, 1933, in Hollybush, Ky., to Leanard and Parthena (Owens) Slone.

On July 20, 1968, in Clintwood, Va., he married Geraldine A. Brewster. She preceded him in death on Dec. 8, 2001.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Phillip Lucas of Rome City, Regina and Donnie Joe Woody of Taylorsville, N.C., Brenda and Ray Ritchie of Rome City and Janice and David Baker of Kendallville; two sons, Clayton Slone Jr. of Wolcottville and Michael Slone of Rome City; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; four sisters, Lila B. Gibson of Hindman, Ky., Florida Slone of Caney, Ky., Delia Thornsberry of St. Mary's, Ohio, and Georgia Slone of Washington, D.C.; and a special friend, Leah Hagerman of Ligonier.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Bobby Slone; two sisters, Myrtle Slone and Zalie Slone; and five brothers, Shelby Hall, Arnold Hall, Manifee Hall, Millard Slone and Orville Slone.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Salem United Baptist Church, S.R. 9 North, Kendallville, with Pastor Billy Ray Tuttle and Elmer Slone officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Thursday. Evening services will be held at 6 both nights.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Damon Burkley

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Damon C. Burkley, 38, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at the University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, Ala.

Services were at Covenant Community Church, Birmingham, Ala. He was cremated.

Memorials are to the University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Carolyn Miller

AUBURN — Carolyn Sue Miller, 51, of Auburn died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Miller

Ms. Miller worked at Mossberg Industries in Garrett where she had been employed for more than 30 years.

She was a member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Nov. 26, 1957, in Garrett to Robert and Lucy (Bischoff) Ballentine. They both preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Ben Miller of Auburn, and Vess Miller and Bruce Davis of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Gloria Ballentine of Butler; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandy and Wes Albright of Garrett, Cindy and Rick Rowe of Garrett, and Marie and Paul Brewer of Auburn; and her fiance, Dennis Dawson of Huntertown.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Amy Debeck officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Humane Society.

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Robert Saum

STROH — Robert A. Saum, 73, of Big Turkey Lake died Monday, March 9, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Saum

Mr. Saum had been a member of Iron Workers Local 147 since Aug. 1, 1955. He retired in 1995.

He was born Oct. 20, 1935, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Karen Saum; his children, Robert (Jeannine) Saum of Hicksville, Ohio, Rebecca (Dennis) Hager of Spencerville, Michael Saum of Columbia City, Laura (Donald) Bigger of Story Lake and Jennifer (Jerome) Morgan of Leo-Cedarville; a brother, Larry Fiedler of Angola; his stepchildren, Butch (Heidi) Hannie, Lisa (James) Moore and Marcia (Tom) Jaurequi, all of Fort Wayne; 26 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vera (Gleason) Saum in 1981 after 27 years of marriage, and his mother, Carmine Lake in 1991.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with the Rev. Monte Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or the American Heart Association.

Oma O'Connell

ANGOLA — Oma O'Connell, 88, of Angola and formerly of Muncie died Wednesday evening, March 4, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola following an extended illness.

Mrs. O'Connell

She was born December 18, 1920, in Muncie, the daughter of Charles E. and Lena (Mullenix) Early.

She graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1939 and attended Indiana Business College.

Mrs. O'Connell was employed in the purchasing department at Borg Warner for more than 40 years prior to her retirement in 1981.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Paul Revere Chapter, Sigma Phi Gamma Alumni, Delaware County Historical Society, Steuben Women's Club, Roving Red Hats, Crimson Red Hats and Angola Senior Exercise Group.

Mrs. O'Connell enjoyed the lakes, genealogy, traveling, her computer, and most of all her friends and family.

Surviving are her daughter, Jody Sheffield of Angola; three grandchildren, Carrie Baxter (husband-Ryan) of Noblesville, Adam Sheffield (wife-Georgette) of Garrett, and Courtney Hasson (husband-Scott) of Denver, Colo.; three great-grandchildren, Victoria and Ethan Sheffield, and Julian Baxter; and several nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward O'Connell in 2001; and her brother, Edgar Early in 1997.

Services were held in The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2009, with Father Ed Kacena officiating. Burial followed in Elm Ridge Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the American Lung Association, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 11005, Indianapolis, IN 46204; the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674; Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Foundation, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703; or the American Cancer Society, 1220 Meridian St., Anderson, IN 46016.

Online condolences may be directed to the family www.meeksmortuary.

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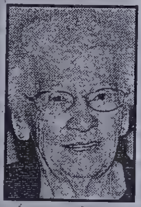
Grace Mason

EDON, Ohio — Grace Mason, 90, of Edon, Ohio, died at 5:07 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio, where she was a patient.


Mrs. Mason

She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley, Ind.

She married Robert Mason on July 3, 1937, in Lincoln County, Ky., and he preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Marvin (Barbara) Mason, of Edon, Ohio, a granddaughter, Selinda (Brian) O'Dell of Coldwater, Mich.; two grandsons; and two sisters.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters and a grandson, Jesse Lee, in 1970.

Services were today at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial followed in Edon Cemetery at Edon.

Memorials are to the Edon Emergency Medical Service.

Condolences may be sent to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Edward Deininger

FORT WAYNE — Edward R. Deininger, 86, of Fort Wayne and formerly of St. Joe died Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at Glenbrook Rehab in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Loren Stahlhut

CHURUBUSCO — Loren G. "Zeb" Stahlhut, 74, of Churubusco died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Myrle Sprunger

LIGONIER — Myrle O. "Be" Sprunger, 88, of Ligonier died Monday, March 9, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Sprunger

Mrs. Sprunger was a homemaker.

She moved to the Ligonier area in 1947 from Mount Morris, Ill.

She had attended the Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Sprunger was born Feb. 1, 1921, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Eli and Olive M. (Baldwin) Amstutz. She married Harry L. Sprunger on Aug. 30, 1938. He died in 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne A. and Judy Sprunger of Auburn; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Cathy Sprunger of Laurel, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Dennis O. Sprunger and Dale L. Sprunger; a brother, Robert Amstutz; and a sister, Orma Parkson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Stanley R. Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Mildred Close

AUBURN — Mildred E. Close, 102, of Auburn died Monday, March 9, 2009, at her daughter's home in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Close was born Feb. 26, 1907, in Auburn to the late Charles F. and Elmyra (Draper) Nagle.

She worked for nine years for Auburn's Electric and Water Department and she retired in 1970 after 30 years as a DeKalb County Deputy Treasurer.

She joined the Auburn Presbyterian Church on April 16, 1933, and has been very active in the church all her life. She was a former president and vice president of the Presbyterian Women's Association, president and vice president of Ruth Circle of the church, former choir member, taught second and third grade Sunday school, and was a youth sponsor and pianist for the youth primary group.

She taught Bible school for many years, was a leader with Girl Scouts and Brownies and held an honorary membership in National Missions.

She was a charter member of the Sigma Beta Sorority, serving as its past president and vice president. She was a 50-year member of Auburn Chapter of Eastern Star and a charter member of the ACD Museum and ACD Women's Association.

Mrs. Clouse was a member of Ladies Literary Club and Friends of the Library. She served on the Auburn and DeKalb County Heart Fund Drive and was vice president of the Northeast Heart Association board.

She married Maurice W. Close on June 25, 1931, in Auburn and he passed away Jan. 7 1995.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Frederick W. and Eva Close of Solana Beach, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carole Ann and Tom McCaffrey of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Carl Nagle of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandsons, Eric and Keri Close, Randy and Deirdre Close and Christopher and C.J. Close; a stepgranddaughter Christina Evans; five great-grandchildren, Katie Close, Ella Close, Samuel Close, Zachary Close and Ryder Close; and four stepgreat-grandchildren, Ryan Evans, Isaac Evans, David Evans and Ben Evans.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a granddaughter, Suzanne Foose; a brother, Hobart Nagle; and three sisters, Esther L. Close, Dorothy Haite and Ruth Strahm.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Bill Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with an Eastern Star service at 8 p.m.

Memorials can be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

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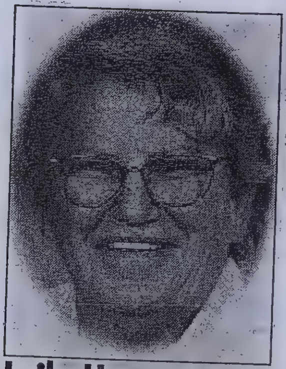

Leila H. Appleton, 72

KIMMELL – Leila H. Appleton, age 72, of Kimmell, IN passed away at 1:50 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009 at her residence. Born on November 23, 1936 in Lake County, IN, she was the daughter of Arthur and Ruby (Frashour) Wilson.

She graduated from high school in Hebron, IN. On November 9, 1957 she married Robert A. Appleton in Merrillville, IN. A resident of Wolf Lake since 1978, she was a devoted housewife and mother and she assisted her husband in general farming. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ligonier, IN.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Robert A. Appleton of Wolf Lake; daughter, Karen I. Appleton of Wolf Lake, Brenda S. (Troy) Fleetwood of Wolf Lake and Kathy L. (Cecil) Harrison of Albion; son, Roland A. "Chip" (Sarah) Appleton of Wolf Lake; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and brother, William Wilson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Benjamin R. Ladig, brothers and sisters, Robert, Franklin, Richard, Betty, Clarise, Nolly, Maxine, Jack and Erlene.

Funeral service was at the DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home. Committal service followed at Wolf Lake Cemetery, Wolf Lake, IN.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Appleton's memory to Riley Hospital for Children with envelopes available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Ruby I. Pierce, 99

ALBION — Ruby I. Pierce, 99, a lifetime Albion resident, passed away peacefully at 11:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home where she had been a resident since 2002.

Mrs. Pierce was born on March 28, 1909 in Albion to Simon and Anna (Rodman) Merriman. On October 22, 1927, in Goshen, Indiana, she married Webster F. Pierce. He passed away on November 9, 1996, after 69 years of marriage.

Mrs. Pierce loved to sew. She attended the Albion Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was employed for many years at the Black Mercantile in Albion as a clerk and she and her husband owned the poolroom and family restaurant in Albion for many years now known as the Friendly Inn.

Mrs. Pierce is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Mary Jane Pierce of Kendallville; a daughter, Carol "Billie" Bushong of Mason City, Iowa; six grandchildren, Bruce Pierce, Damon Pierce, Greg Pierce, Lana Tumbleson, James Bushong and Mindy Collazo; sixteen great-grandchildren; and thirteen great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband; parents; eight brothers and sisters; and a great-great-grandson, Dakota Bushong, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held March 7, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Rev. Bret Frymier of the Albion Asbury United Methodist Church officiated.

Burial followed at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

The family prefers memorials be directed to the Albion Asbury United Methodist church in lieu of flowers.

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Paul J. Hursey, 82

CROMWELL - Paul J. Hursey, 82, lifetime Cromwell resident and business owner passed away on Friday, March 6, 2009 at 11:19 P.M. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hursey was born on September 19, 1926 in Cromwell to Orval and Neva (Clouse) Hursey. He married Pauline Baker Hursey on April 12, 1946, at Lake Wawasee.

Mr. Hursey served in the Pacific during World War II in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Hursey was the owner of Hursey's Garage in Cromwell and Wright-Hursey Manufacturing also in Cromwell. While owning the garage it was well known throughout the area that if it couldn't be fixed to take it to Hursey's Garage and it could be fixed.

Mr. Hursey was a master mason belonging to the Cromwell Masonic Lodge F&AM 705, the Scottish Rite and the Mizpah Shrine. He also was a longtime member of the Cromwell Fire Department where he served as fire chief many years. He was also a member of the Webster American Legion Post.

Mr. Hursey loved fixing things for people in the area. He also enjoyed woodworking, fixing clocks, working in his shop, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife; Pauline; a son; Steve Hursey of Ligonier, a daughter and son-in-law; Nancy and Edward Bender of Peru; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and a beloved Yorkie Terrier, Molly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

No services are planned at this time, cremation is taking place.

Memorials may be directed to the Noble Co. Council on Aging - Transit Or the Mizpah Shriners Hospital.

Miriam Becker, 98

KENDALLVILLE — Miriam Alice Becker, 98, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at her residence.

The lifetime Kendallville resident was on the cradle roll from birth at Evangelical United Brethren (now Faith United Methodist Church) and a formal member since 1920. She was very active in the church, serving in various capacities.

In addition to raising her ten children, she was employed as a nurse with Kendallville Lutheran Home for 20 years before retiring in 1976. She loved to cook for her family and friends and enjoyed sewing.

On March 6, 1910, in Kendallville, she was born to Lemmon S. and Emma E. (Kurrle) Warble. She married Ralph C. "Jack" Becker on Nov. 13, 1929, and he preceded her in death on March 13, 1970.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen, Cotopaxi, Colo., Jannis and James Tuttle, Auburn, Rozanne Becker, Fort Wayne, Linda and Fred McWhinney, Kendallville, and Victoria Becker, Kendallville; a son-in-law, Allan Simon, Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Sandra Becker, Fort Collins, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three daughters, Marjorie E. Becker, Nancy J. Simon and Miriam Louise Coil; a son, Richard E. Becker; a great-granddaughter, Rebecca Coil; and two sisters, Lucille Twitchell and Dorothy Mathews.

Memorial services were held March 7, 2009 at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiated. Burial took place in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Faith United Methodist Church choir.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Connie Parker

CORUNNA — Connie B. Parker, 66, died Monday, March 9, 2009, at her home in Corunna.

She worked in the cafeteria at Eastside High School in Butler.

She was a big Elvis fan and an avid antique collector, but her true passion was her grandchildren.

Mrs. Parker

She was born March 6, 1943, in Auburn to Kenneth Smith and Beatrice (Mansfield) Harr.

Surviving are two sons, David Parker of Corunna, and Billy Joe Parker of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Candy and Rich Hartman of Butler; a sister, Betty Fluke of Butler; three grandchildren, Tyson [illegible]wsley, Randa and Jon [illegible]atschke, and Jill Hartman; [illegible]ne aunt, Dorothy Stevenson [illegible] Butler; and one uncle and his wife, Cal and Eula Mansfield of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard Parker, who passed away in 1996; and a brother, James Mansfield.

There will be no calling or services at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Katie Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Katie Ann Bontrager, 79, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence, 3600 E. C.R. 300S, LaGrange, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be at 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Gaynel Graft

FORT WAYNE — Gaynel Catherine "Sue" Graft, 82, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 9, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in the church cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. Saturday until services at the church.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Terrence Brammall

ANGOLA — Terrence N. Brammall, 60, of Angola died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at UPMC Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Brammall was vice president and general manager of Trans Guard Industries in Angola.

He graduated from Tri-State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. While at Tri-State he was a member of the Debate Team and the Tri-State Sport Car Club.

He had served as Scout Master of Troop 501 and as a Junior Achievement adviser.

Mr. Brammall was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and a lifetime member of both the National Rifle Association and the Northern American Hunting Club.

He enjoyed his family, gardening, camping, game hunting, fishing, tinkering and hunting and faceting gemstones.

Terry's zest for life and adventures were equal to his love for his family and friends. His Life Portrait is stamped with trying new things and sharing his ideas and passions.

He was born June 29, 1948, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Norman and Edith (McCurdy) Brammall. They are deceased.

He married Nancy E. Light on Sept. 12, 1970.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy E. Brammall of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Hezekiah and Kim Davis of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Shawn and Sherrie Brammall of Canyon Lake, Texas; a sister, Pam Brammall of Amelia, Ohio; two grandsons; and two granddaughters.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

The Brammall family requests family members and friends become organ donors in Terry's memory.

Memorials may also be donated to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Edith Goodrich

LIGONIER — Edith I. Landon Goodrich, 93, of Ligonier died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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John Stetler

FORT WAYNE — John L. "Jack" Stetler, 81, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at Bethlehem Woods Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary Third Presbyterian Church or the FOP.

David Lambright

LAGRANGE — David Lavon Lambright was stillborn Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

He is the son of David L. and Mollie (Hoschstetler) Lambright.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the home of Harley E. Miller residence, 1200 S. C.R. 100W, LaGrange. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery at LaGrange.

Ila Edwards

ANGOLA — Ila C. Edwards, 93, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, in Mecosta County, Mich.

Graveside services will be at noon Saturday at Riverside Cemetery in Tekonsha, Mich.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Christy Shaw

KENDALLVILLE — Christy Marie Shaw, 36, formerly of South Lyon, Mich., died Wednesday, March 10, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lupus Foundation of America.

Send condolences online to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Edith Goodrich

LIGONIER — Edith I. Landon Goodrich, 93, of Ligonier, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Wawaka Alumni Scholarship Fund in care of the Noble County Community Foundation.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Marna Schlabach

LAGRANGE — Marna V. Schlabach, 77, of LaGrange, formerly of Shipshewana, died at 11:35 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Life Care Center, LaGrange.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 16, 2009 at Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene, Shipshewana. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene or the American Heart Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Thompson

FORT WAYNE — Robert C. Thompson, 83, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at his residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from one hour prior to services and from 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Lauren M. Wastl Memorial Scholarship c/o West Lafayette, Jr.-Sr. Higl School.

The daughters of Veda Owens would like to thank all those friends and families who showed their respect and love by visiting with us at the funeral home, attending the funeral, sending flowers and cards, donating to Sacred Heart and to Parkview Noble Hospice. A special thanks to Hite Funeral Home, Stroh Church of Christ, but most of all for the love and friendship you showed to her over her lifetime. We are eternally grateful that our mother had so many loving and caring individuals in her life. She was truly blessed.

Renee Kennish
Evelyn Hurt

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Mary Frankenberg

KENDALLVILLE — Mary M. Frankenberg, 99, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 12, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she resided the past five years.

Mrs. Frankenberg had been employed with Messenger Corp. in Auburn and she retired from McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville as a bookkeeper.

She was a member of the CrossPointe Family Church in Kendallville where she had been the Sunday school and Mission Society treasurer, and served as the church organist and pianist.

Mrs. Frankenberg was born in Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 4, 1909, to John and Lydia (Sollenberger) Simons. She grew up near Corunna, moved to Kendallville in 1942 and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1926.

She was married to James Frankenberg on June 28, 1982, in Three Rivers, Mich.

No family members survive.

Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Ila Edwards

ANGOLA — Ila C. Edwards, 93, of Angola died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, in Angola.

Graveside services will be at noon today at Riverside Cemetery in Tekonsha, Mich.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

John Stetler

FORT WAYNE — John L. "Jack" Stetler, 81, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at Bethlehem Woods Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stetler

Mr. Stetler served as a patrolman with the Fort Wayne Police Department for 20 years, retiring in 1969. He was the last surviving member of the first graduating class, known as the "Sweet Sixteen," from the Police Academy.

He was a native of Fremont.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and was a member of Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Anna Lee Stetler of Fort Wayne; a son, Keith Stetler of Spencerville; a daughter, Karen (Tim) Grube of Corunna; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a stepgreat-grandchild; and a son-in-law, Lee Hapner.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Hapner; three brothers, Dick, Dean and Bob Stetler; a stepbrother, Raymond Griesley; and a stepsister, Joan Van Den Assem.

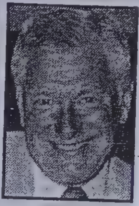
Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. The Rev. Joe Fields will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Calvary Third Presbyterian Church or FOP.

Robert Thompson

FORT WAYNE — Robert C. Thompson, 83, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at his home in Fort Wayne. Born in Piper City, Ill., he was a District Manager with IBM Corp. for 35 years, retiring in 1983.


Mr. Thompson

He was an avid golfer, playing often at Riverbend and Cedar Creek golf courses.

He enjoyed being on the water and fishing on Lake Erie.

He is survived by his daughters, Sue (Tom) Smith of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, and Marcy Wastl of West Lafayette; brothers, Jerry E. (Winnie) Thompson of Malta, Ill., and Boake C. (Betty) Thompson of Winter Haven, Fla.; granddaughters, Brooke Boissenet of Kyle, Texas, and Courtney Boissenet of Kalamazoo, Mich.; grandson, Kurt Wastl of Bloomington; and a friend, Jane Hendry of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leigh Thompson; his parents, Inza and Benjamin Thompson; and a granddaughter, Lauren Wastl.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling one hour prior to services. The Rev. John Green will officiate.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Lauren M. Wastl Memorial Scholarship c/o West Lafayette Jr.-Sr. High School.

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Bud Minnick

AUBURN — Bud V. Minnick, 90, of Auburn died Thursday, March 12, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Family services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan. Memorials to Leo United Methodist Church or Laurels of DeKalb.

Arrangements by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Patricia Crist

LAGRANGE — Patricia A. Crist, 70, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 12, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Crist moved to the area from Winamac, Ind., in 1990.

Mrs. Crist

She was a homemaker and had worked for Checker Motors Corp. in Chicago, Ill., as a statistical secretary.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Mrs. Christ was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Sioux City, Iowa. She graduated Eastern Iowa College in Davenport, Iowa, with an associate degree in business and graduated from Dupage City College in Dupage, Ill., with an executive secretary degree.

She was born June 2, 1938, in Davenport, Iowa, to John and Leon (Voss) Murphy. She married John R. Crist on Dec. 18, 1974, in Wheaton, Ill. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia and Paul Johnson of South Bend, Ann Thielking of Marion, Iowa, and Sharon and Bill Ball of Winamac,; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Kathy Martin of Niles, Mich., and Michael and Lori Crist of Thorntown, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Teresa Novicki of Sandwich, Ill; and two brothers, Tony Murphy of Brownsville, Calif., and Al Murphy of Wenatchee, Wash.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, a daughter, a granddaughter, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will at 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Cemetery South in Star City, Ind., with Father Ron Schiml officiating.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are Masses to St. Joseph Catholic Church or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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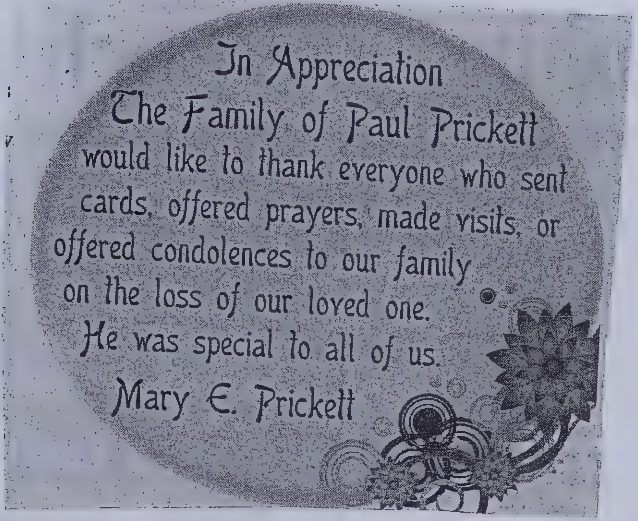
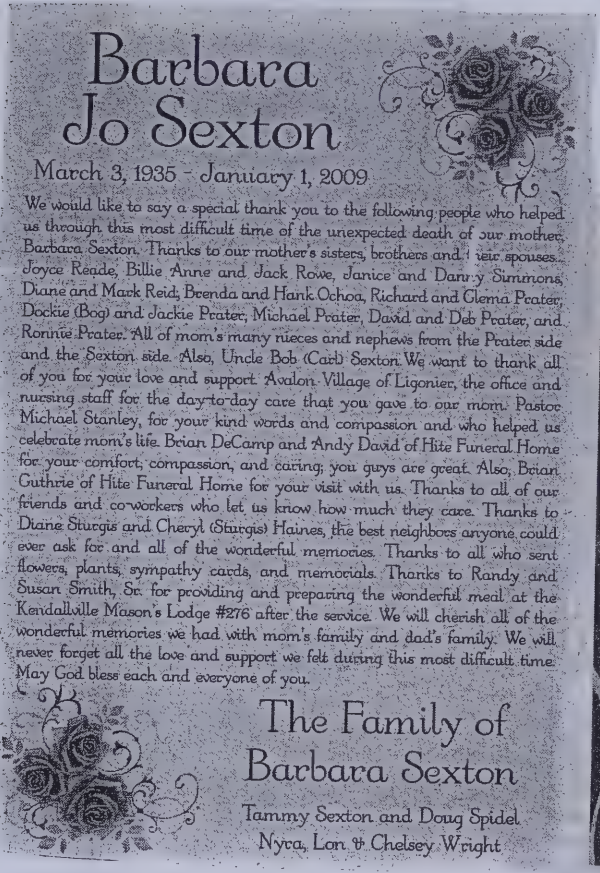


In Appreciation
The Family of Paul Prickett
would like to thank everyone who sent cards, offered prayers, made visits, or offered condolences to our family on the loss of our loved one.
He was special to all of us.
Mary E. Prickett



Barbara Jo Sexton

March 3, 1935 - January 1, 2009

We would like to say a special thank you to the following people who helped us through this most difficult time of the unexpected death of our mother, Barbara Sexton. Thanks to our mother's sisters, brothers and their spouses. Joyce Reade, Billie Anne and Jack Rowe, Janice and Danny Simmons, Diane and Mark Reid, Brenda and Hank Ochoa, Richard and Glema Prater, Dockie (Bog) and Jackie Prater, Michael Prater, David and Deb Prater, and Ronnie Prater. All of mom's many nieces and nephews from the Prater side and the Sexton side. Also, Uncle Bob (Carl) Sexton. We want to thank all of you for your love and support. Avalon Village of Ligonier, the office and nursing staff for the day-to-day care that you gave to our mom. Pastor Michael Stanley, for your kind words and compassion and who helped us celebrate mom's life. Brian DeCamp and Andy David of Hite Funeral Home for your comfort, compassion, and caring; you guys are great. Also, Brian Guthrie of Hite Funeral Home for your visit with us. Thanks to all of our friends and co-workers who let us know how much they care. Thanks to Diane Sturgis and Cheryl (Sturgis) Haines, the best neighbors anyone could ever ask for and all of the wonderful memories. Thanks to all who sent flowers, plants, sympathy cards, and memorials. Thanks to Randy and Susan Smith, Sr. for providing and preparing the wonderful meal at the Kendallville Mason's Lodge #276 after the service. We will cherish all of the wonderful memories we had with mom's family and dad's family. We will never forget all the love and support we felt during this most difficult time. May God bless each and everyone of you.

The Family of
Barbara Sexton

Tammy Sexton and Doug Spidel
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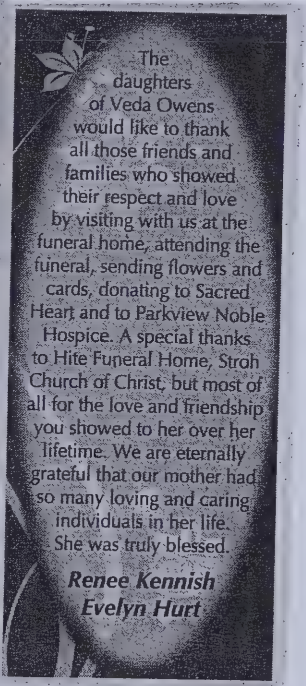

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Robbins 'was such a miracle'

BY SUE CARPENTER
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GARRETT — The first piece of net cut down following the Garrett High School girls' regional basketball victory Feb. 21 was in honor of Tae Robbins.

Coach Dan Feagler told her parents, Gary and Deb Robbins, that Tae was there for the girls' first regional title, and the team and coaches thought it was only fitting that the former team manager should be a part of this year's victory.

Text messages flew from phone-to-phone in the Elkhart North gymnasium earlier that day, telling friends of Tae Robbins' unexpected death at the age of 28.

Known to many as "Taebug," she was born with cerebro costo mandibular syndrome.

"She was such a miracle," her mother said. Doctors told her Tae should not have been able to live with all her disabilities. She still did.

"There was no real explanation how she should be alive. We were always told she would not walk, she would not talk. She did everything. She proved so many people wrong." Robbins said.

Tae's parents didn't try to stop her from trying to live a normal life.

"We never allowed her not to try. We never said 'no.' If things got difficult, we would tell her get through it or go around it. It wasn't a gimme," Deb Robbins said. "We got a lot of flack from outside the family that we did not baby her. I don't feel she would have lived as long as she did, if we had."

Robbins was struck by the number of barriers her daughter broke with classmates and the community during her lifetime.

She was accepted the way she was, and people looked past her disabilities. "Her friends treated her like any other friend. It was never 'Oh, poor Tae,'" her mother said.

Classmate Arin Smith Grissam got to know Tae for the first time in band class when they were freshmen at Garrett.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Tae Robbins, center, enjoy visiting hundreds of friends at a benefit two days before her unexpected death Feb. 21. She is shown with her parents, Deb and Gary Robbins of Garrett.

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"When you first meet her, it's kind of intimidating," Grissam said of Tae's disabilities. "The second she started talking, she took me by surprise. She was one of the most intelligent people I ever met."

Grissam recalls attending a percussion band camp with Tae and the looks they recieved from other youth at the camp.

"Nobody knew us, and they just stared at Tae," Grissam said. "It must have been hard for Tae to deal with. But it didn't seem to bug her at all. She let it roll. That seemed pretty impressive."

Tae's small stature did not take away from the strength she showed. Friends and family learned not to show sympathy or concern for Tae's condition.

Recent health setbacks caused Tae to be in a lot of pain, and her weight hovered at 65 pounds. Her frame was shrinking and her organs were becoming compressed, leaving her rib cage resting on her pelvis.

"I told her a couple weeks earlier, 'If you don't straighten up, you'll have to come home,'" Deb Robbins said of Tae's health.

"Tae told her sisters she was not going back home. 'I'm dying in my own house, in my own bed,' she told them. That's what happened," Robbins said.

Robbins later learned Tae was concerned that if she died in her parent's home, they would not be able to continue to live there.

"It's just amazing. She knew me and dad. She was very right."

Tae often would send letters, e-mails and cards to friends to let them know she was thinking about them, or call or text to say, "Hi, I'm thinking about you. I miss you and love you," according to Holly Kober. "Tae taught me how to love unconditionally and full-heartedly. She made me a better person just by being her friend."

Arin Grissam is now the mother of two young sons. The older is autistic with low muscle strength. Her other son has a cleft palate and hearing loss.

"When I get frustrated or start to feel sorry for myself, I think of Tae. She never stopped smiling or complained," said Grissam.

"She has been a big help to remind me what was important. I love her for that."

"Tae was always in pain, but she would never tell you," Grissam said. "If you ever tried to pity or treat her differently, she would get really mad — she would give you 'the look.'"

Tae also liked to have fun, childhood friend Holly Brewer Kober said.

"She loved to go dancing, go to concerts, cruise around just out and about, or just simply hang out with friends," Kober said. "Tae always lived life to the fullest and always wanted to have a good time."

Two days before her unexpected death, a benefit event was held to help Tae with her medical costs. At that time, Robbins said, Tae had achieved all of her lifetime goals but two — marriage and having a baby. She had already graduated from business college, secured employment, purchased her own home and had her own car. The proceeds from the benefit were to help buy a van with special controls for Tae's motorized chair. The funds have since been used to help pay funeral expenses.

"The benefit was so weird," Deb Robbins said. "We knew Tae had a cold, but was not sick-sick. Looking back, (the benefit) was like a final farewell party. She was so happy."

Tae was happy to see so many friends she hadn't seen for a while. More than 300 attended the event at Ponderosa Steak House in Auburn.

Her family had seen her much sicker, so her death came as a surprise.

"It was shock when she passed," Deb Robbins said.

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Bud Minnick

AUBURN — Bud V. Minnick, 90, died Thursday, March 12, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

He worked as a hardware salesman and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Minnick was born Dec. 18, 1918, in Fort Wayne to Fred and Jessie (Trammel) Minnick. He married Gaylon Amstutz on Aug. 29, 1940. She preceded him in death on June 8, 1992.

Surviving are a son, Gary Minnick, Auburn; daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Richard Garren, Leo; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra K. Seiler on June 26, 1997; a son, Thomas Minnick on Dec. 7, 1952; one brother and two sisters.

Family services will be at a later date. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorials are to Leo United Methodist Church or Laurels of DeKalb.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Vian

ASHLEY — Ronald J. Vian, 44, of Ashley, died Saturday, March 14, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He worked for Kaghann's Korner Truck Stop, Waterloo.

He was born Nov. 12, 1964, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Lyle and Janet Vian, Waterloo; a son, Corey Vian, Ashley; a daughter, Megan Vian, Ashley; two sisters, Linda Couey, Fort Wayne, and Kay Carper, Butler; four brothers, John Vian, Renton, Wash., Denny Vian, Corunna, David Vian, Auburn, and Scott Vian, Tecumseh, Mich.; three stepsisters, Katrina McKinley, Kendallville, Jennifer Pulver, Avilla, and Meghann Treesh, Kendallville; two stepbrothers, Thad McKinley, Auburn, and Seth McKinley, Kendallville; and friend and companion, Rebecca Voirol, Ashley.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Emogene (Hilkey) Vian.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corey and Megan Vian Educational Fund c/o Linda Couey,

Dorothy Weirich

WAKARUSA — Dorothy J. Weirich, 80, of Wakarusa, formerly of Shipshewana, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2009, at Maples at Waterford Crossing, Goshen.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Marion Mennonite Church, Shipshewana. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 16, 2009, Monday

Joe Craft

KENDALLVILLE — Joe Darrel Craft, 62, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 14, 2009, at his residence.

He was retired from the foundry, a U.S. Navy Vietnam War veteran, a member of the First Baptist Church in Kendallville, and a devoted family man.

On Sept. 2, 1946, he was born in Hindman, Ky., to Ora and Mary (Tharp) Craft.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Craft, Albion, and Rob and Kelly Craft and Herb and Jill Craft, all of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; a great-grandson; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Larry and Deb Craft of Kentucky, Charles and Deb Craft, Knox, Ind., Don and Sally Craft and Chester and Edith Craft, all of Kendallville, and Verlie Craft of Virginia; three sisters and son-in-law, Golden and Don Wright of Virginia, Juanita Combs of Kentucky, and Eileen Johnson, Knox, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Tina, on Nov. 26, 2008, a brother, Virgil Craft, and a sister, Amy Robinson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Percy Young officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Carl Huff

LAGRANGE — Carl Gordon Huff, 58, of LaGrange died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Gerald Depp

FREMONT — Gerald "Jerry" Lee Depp, 76, died Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday with calling from 9 a.m. to service time at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Military graveside services will be at Jamestown Cemetery near Fremont.

Calling will be also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ruth Berryhill

AVILLA — Ruth Elaine (DePew) Weirich Berryhill, 84, of Avilla died Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 9:45 p.m. in her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Berryhill

Mrs. Berryhill lived in Avilla since 2004, coming from Kendallville. She had worked at Firestone in Kendallville, Community State Bank in Avilla and along with her husband, Arnold, owned and operated A&H Specialties in Kendallville from 1976 to 1991. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and Gideon's International Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, playing bingo and singing.

She was born June 2, 1924, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Ralph Wilbur and B. Helen (Hawk) DePew. In 1946 she married Kenneth Weirich in Garrett. He preceded her in death in 1961. In 1971 she married Arnold Berryhill in Kendallville. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Sue Weirich, Huntertown; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Brenda and Phil DeRosia, Ormand Beach, Fla., and Linda Sue and Bill Milhollin, Angola; three grandchildren and their spouses, Josh and Katie Weirich, Melissa and Steve Zabel, and Matt and Kristin Weirich; four stepgrandchildren, Chris Forbes, Eric Forbes, Jeromie Henderson and Jessica Henderson; a great-grandson, Brandt Weirich; five stepgreat-grandchildren, Alysia Forbes, Cody Forbes, Shelby Forbes, Steven Herendeen and Cameron Phillips; and a sister, Phyllis Balzer, Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marybell Fee, and a brother, David DePew.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, with calling an hour prior to the services. Rev. Leon Pomeroy will be officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Honorary casketbearers will be Tom Balzer and Don Fee. Active casketbearers will be Josh Weirich, Melissa Zabel, Matt Weirich, Randy Fee, Craig Balzer and Jeromie Henderson.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Faith United Methodist Church, Gideon's International or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 17, 2009, Tuesday

Wayne Hedglin Jr.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Wayne "Butch" Hedglin Jr., 62, of Twin Falls died Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Saint Luke's Hospital in Twin Falls.

Mr. Hedglin had moved to Twin Falls 25 years ago from LaGrange, Ind.

He had been a truck driver and construction worker.

He was born July 8, 1946, in Wolcottville, Ind., to Wayne Sr. and Rhoda (Lash) Hedglin. They are deceased.

Surviving are his companion, Elaine Billado of Twin Falls; a daughter, Brenda; four sons, Terry, Tony, Tim and Tom; two sisters, Janet "Jan" Pedrett of LaGrange, Ind., and Christina Shafer of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a brother, Gene Marchand of LaGrange; three stepbrothers and their wives, Harvey and Janet Miller, Enos and Norma Miller of Mongo, Ind., and Roy and Loretta Miller of Chicago; three stepsisters and their husbands, Mary and Paul Miller of Missouri City, Texas, Ida and Wayne Walters of LaGrange and Esther and Richard Kuhn of LaGrange; and many friends and other relatives.

He was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Polly (Miller) Hedglin; and two stepbrothers, Pete and Joseph Miller.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Barbara Botchnuck

MIDDLEBURY — Barbara E. "Bobbi" Botchnuck, 76, died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Leona Beck

LAGRANGE — Leona E. Beck, 98, of LaGrange died Friday, March 13, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. Private burial will be at a later date at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorials are Masses to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Gerald Depp

FREMONT — Gerald "Jerry" Lee Depp, age 76, died Sunday morning at Cameron Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Depp was born on Oct. 15, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan, to Harold C. and Ruth Ann (Beaubien) Depp.

He was retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict being awarded the Purple Heart.

He enjoyed golf and fishing.

Jerry married Suzanne Rose Gilmore on May 12, 1956, in Buffalo, N.Y., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Timothy John and Cathleen Depp of Hartland, Mich., Kevin Michael and Kathleen Depp of Plymouth, Mich., and Dennis Patrick Depp of Rockford, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Colleen Marie and Regan Alfonso of Milford, Mich., and Kelley Anne and Ron Arbley of Fremont; a sister, Charlene Starkel of Milford, Mich.; and grandchildren, Sean, Meghan, Justin, Erin, Brian, Michael, Kelley, McKenna, Katey Rose and Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brian D. Depp.

Visitation for Mr. Depp will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Services will be on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the funeral home at 11 a.m. with calling from 9 a.m. to service time. Military graveside services will be at Jamestown Cemetery near Fremont.

Friends may sign the guest book or leave condolences at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Doris Horton

KENDALLVILLE — Doris Horton, age 82, died Monday, March 16, 2009, at 4:50 a.m. at her home in Kendallville.

She was born March 28, 1926, in Hardshell, Kentucky, to Marion and Allie (nee Clemons) Campbell. They are deceased.

She moved to Indiana 35 years ago from Chicago.

Mrs. Horton was a homemaker.

She played cards, loved to plant flowers and cook. She also loved listening to music and telling stories.

On June 28, 1968, she married George E. Horton in Chicago. He survives in Kendallville.

Other survivors include her children, Joseph Robert (Sylvania) Gentry of Braid, Illinois, Sandra Gentry-Fugate of Kendallville, and Lora Lee (Brett) Gearhart of Butler; eight grandchildren, Bobby Joe Gentry, Shelby Mueller, Richard Thuren Gentry, Serena Carrier, Connie Lee Monzena, Taylor Kristine Gearhart, Whitney Marie Gearhart and Lexi Renee Gearhart; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; three brothers, Marion Campbell Jr. of Albion, Orville Campbell of Kentucky and John Campbell of Wisconsin; four sisters, Nora Baugard of North Carolina, Cora Glaman of Wyoming, Vina Campbell of Kentucky and Stella Thomas of Illinois.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Lora Fugate and Doshie Campbell; and brothers, Chester Campbell and Arnold Campbell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Horton will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Ernie Miller will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Wednesday and one hour before services at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Rehoboth Cemetery in Albion.

Robert Carpenter

SHIPSHEWANA — Robert "Rob" E. Carpenter, 58, of Shipshewana died at 6:09 a.m. Monday, March 16, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with burial in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Ruby Wray

ANGOLA — Ruby E. Wray, 74, of Angola died Monday, March 16, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Robert Summers

FORT WAYNE — Robert J. Summers, 78, died Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Private services will be held with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2009, Tuesday

Ruth Berryhill

AVILLA — Ruth Elaine (DePew) Weirich Berryhill, 84, of Avilla died Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 9:45 p.m. in her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Berryhill

Mrs. Berryhill lived in Avilla since 2004, coming from Kendallville. She had worked at Firestone in Kendallville, Community State Bank in Avilla and along with her husband, Arnold, owned and operated A&H Specialties in Kendallville from 1976 to 1991. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and Gideon's International Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, playing piano and singing.

She was born June 2, 1924, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Ralph Wilbur and B. Helen (Hawk) DePew. In 1946 she married Kenneth Weirich in Garrett. He preceded her in death in 1961. In 1971 she married Arnold Berryhill in Kendallville. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Sue Weirich, Huntertown; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Brenda and Phil DeRosia, Ormand Beach, Fla., and Linda Sue and Bill Milhollin, Angola; three grandchildren and their spouses, Josh and Katie Weirich, Melissa and Steve Zabel, and Matt and Kristin Weirich; four stepgrandchildren, Chris Forbes, Eric Forbes, Jeromie Henderson and Jessica Henderson; a great-grandson, Brandt Weirich; five stepgreat-grandchildren, Alysia Forbes, Cody Forbes, Shelby Forbes, Steven Herendeen and Cameron Phillips; and a sister, Phyllis Balzer, Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marybell Fee, and a brother, David DePew.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, with calling an hour prior to the services. Rev. Leon Pomeroy will be officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Honorary casketbearers will be Tom Balzer and Don Fee. Active casketbearers will be Josh Weirich, Melissa Zabel, Matt Weirich, Randy Fee, Craig Balzer and Jeromie Henderson.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Faith United Methodist Church, Gideon's International or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donald Clark

ANGOLA — Donald R. Clark, 72, of Angola died Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Clark had been a business owner in downtown Angola for many years.

He was born March 14, 1937, in Steuben County to John and Cora (Steward) Clark. He married Camelia Sprunger on Dec. 18, 1960. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Matthew Clark of Angola; three daughters, Amy Callahan of Caledonia, Mich., Beth O'Roark of Scotts, Mich., and Julie Smith of Angola; a brother, Larry Clark of Angola; a sister, Lorraine Roy of Cedarville; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Vaughn Sprunger officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 18, 2009, Wednesday

Ruby Wray

ANGOLA — Ruby E. Wray, 74, of Angola died Monday, March 16, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wray had served as a bartender at the Angola VFW, as manager of the Angola Penguin Point, a waitress at the Angola Moose Lodge and as a cook and dorm mother at Tri-State University in Angola.

She was a life member of the Angola VFW Auxiliary, and a member of the Angola Women of the Moose and Angola American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a "fraternity mom" at Tri-State.

She was born June 27, 1934, in Roanoke, Va., to Charles and Marguarite (Smith) Nichols. She married Paul Wray on Sept. 23, 1944. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck and Rina Wray and Rick and Gena Wray, all of Angola, and Paul Kevin and Ronda Wray of Columbus, Ga.; two brothers, Roger Nichols of Roanoke, Va., and Charles "Buzzy" Nichols of Angola; three sisters, Barbara Jones and Ola Jane McDaniel, both of Roanoke, Va., and Edith Michaels of Palm Harbor, Fla.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Ronnie and Nick Nichols.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Keith Moore officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola VFW Auxiliary for breast cancer.

Gerald Depp

FREMONT — Gerald "Jerry" Lee Depp, age 76, died Sunday morning at Cameron Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Depp was born on Oct. 15, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan, to Harold C. and Ruth Ann (Beaubien) Depp.

He was retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict being awarded the Purple Heart.

He enjoyed golf and fishing.

Jerry married Suzanne Rose Gilmore on May 12, 1956, in Buffalo, N.Y., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Timothy John and Cathleen Depp of Hartland, Mich., Kevin Michael and Kathleen Depp of Plymouth, Mich., and Dennis Patrick Depp of Rockford, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Colleen Marie and Regan Alfonso of Milford, Mich., and Kelley Anne and Ron Arble of Fremont; a sister, Charlene Starkel of Milford, Mich.; and grandchildren, Sean, Meghan, Justin, Erin, Brian, Michael, Kelley, McKenna, Katey Rose and Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brian D. Depp.

Visitation for Mr. Depp will be today, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Services will be on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the funeral home at 11 a.m. with calling from 9 a.m. to service time. Military graveside services will be at Jamestown Cemetery near Fremont.

Friends may sign the guest book or leave condolences at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Robert Summers

FORT WAYNE — Robert J. Summers, 78, died Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Summers

Mr. Summers was associated with Indiana Construction Co. and Starcraft Boat Co.

He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church.

Mr. Summers was also a 50-year member of Angola Blue Lodge No. 236 and a member of Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and a more than 50-year member of the Mizpah Shrine. He was also past president of the Angola Rotary Club and had served as a member of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County Board of Education.

He was a native of Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia "Sue" Summers; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth Ann and Donald Wenzel and Debra Jo and Larry Sherer, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas E. and Betsy Summers of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Ann Walda, and a brother, Jack Kenneth Summers.

Private funeral services will be held. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Rd. Private services.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 18, 2009, Wednesday

Juanita Presley

HAMILTON — Juanita Presley, 95, of Hamilton died Monday, March 16, 2009, at Anchor Lodge Nursing Home in Lorain, Ohio.

Mrs. Presley was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 8, 1913, in Louisa, Ky., to Harry and Emma (Queen) Arey.

She married Raymond Presley in 1931. He died in 1993.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law-, Jake and Jeanette Presley of Hamilton, Charles Presley of Hamilton, Glen and Nancy Presley of Angola and Gary and Denise Presley of Hamilton; four daughters and three sons-in-law-, Ruth and Jim Sanxter of Hamilton, Donia and Tony Sprenger of Amhurst, Ohio, Nita and Donell Sprenger of Vermilion, Ohio, and Jean Maestas of Albuquerque, N,M.; 29 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Olive Kay Presley, who died as an infant, and Wanda Copsey who died in 2004; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Barbara Botchuck

MIDDLEBURY — Barbara E. "Bobbi" Botchuck, age 76, died Sunday, March 15, 2009, at 3:20 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was born on August 23, 1932, in Nashville, Tennessee to Earl and Hazel nee Bracey Doremus. They are deceased.

She has been in this area for 40 years, coming from Texas.

She worked in quality control at Kidd and Co. in Ligonier.

Bobbi was an animal lover and she loved her family. She will be remembered as a woman with a feisty spirit, and as a person with an independent and strong-willed personality.

She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and David Clouse of Middlebury; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Botchuck will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Pastor Gene Hile will officiate.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial following will be at Woodruff Cemetery in LaGrange.

Please make memorial contributions in loving memory of Bobbi to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Gladys Wathen

ORLAND — Gladys Viola Wathen, 98, of Orland and Ruskin, Fla., died Monday, March 16, 2009, at Riviera Palms Rehabilitation Center, Palmetto, Fla.

Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with burial in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Orland Congregational Church or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Allen Christian

KENDALLVILLE — Allen Christian, 49, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, while on a bike ride.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Travis Kress

FREMONT — Travis V. Kress, 26, of Snow Lake, Fremont, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 18, 2009 Wednesday

Edith I. Landon Goodrich, 93

LIGONIER – Edith I. Landon Goodrich, age 93 of Ligonier, IN passed away March 11, 2009 at 6:15 PM at Avalon Village in Ligonier, IN from natural causes.

Edith was born September 26, 1915 in Centerville, IN to William & Eppie (Ewers) Cooper. In 1935 she married Herschel Landon, he preceded her in death. She then married Kenneth Goodrich in 1964; he also preceded her in death. She moved to Wawaka from Richmond, IN in 1955 and has resided in Ligonier since 1963.

Edith graduated from Centerville High School in 1933 & worked as a cook at Dari Point in Ligonier for many years.

She is survived by one son, Bill (Karen) Landon of Adams Lake, four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren & one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one daughter: Sharon Laurie, her parents and five brothers.

A private family service will be held and burial will take place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, IN. Memorial Contributions may be made to Wawaka Alumni Scholarship Fund in care of the Noble County Community Foundation.

Joe Darrel Craft, 62

KENDALLVILLE – Joe Darrel Craft, age 62, of Kendallville died on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at his residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Craft was born in Hindman, Kentucky on September 2, 1946 to Ora and Mary (Tharp) Craft.

He served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and married Justine "Tina" Lewis on October 1, 1962 in Pound, Virginia.

He was a devoted family man and retired from the foundry.

Joe was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include: three sons, Steve Craft of Albion, Rob (Kelly) Craft of Kendallville, and Herb (Jill) Craft of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson; five brothers: Larry (Deb) Craft of Kentucky, Charles (Deb) Craft of Knox, Indiana, Don (Sally) Craft of Kendallville, Chester (Edith) Craft of Kendallville, and Verlie Craft of Virginia; three sisters: Golden (Don) Wright of Virginia, Juanita Combs of Kentucky, and Ellaree Johnson of Knox.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Tina, who preceded him in death November 26, 2008; a brother, Virgil Craft and a sister, Amy Robinson

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Percy Young. Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church. Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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The family of **Grace Mason** would like to thank everyone who remembered us in prayers, sent cards or condolences. It helps to carry you through knowing others are thinking of you.

Again, thank you,
The Grace Mason Family

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 18, 2009 Wednesday

Ruth Elaine Weirich Berryhill, 84

AVILLA — Ruth Elaine (DePew) Weirich Berryhill, 84, of Avilla died Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 9:45 p.m. in her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Berryhill lived in Avilla since 2004, coming from Kendallville. She had worked at Firestone in Kendallville, Community State Bank in Avilla and along with her husband, Arnold, owned and operated A&H Specialties in Kendallville from 1976 to 1991. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and Gideon's International Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, playing bingo and singing.

She was born June 2, 1924, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Ralph Wilbur and B. Helen (Hawk) DePew. In 1946 she married Kenneth Weirich in Garrett. He preceded her in death in 1961. In 1971 she married Arnold Berryhill in Kendallville. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan (Sue) Weirich, Huntertown; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Brenda (Phil) DeRosia, Ormand Beach, Fla., and Linda Sue (Bill) Milhollin, Angola; three grandchildren and their spouses, Josh (Katie) Weirich, Melissa (Steve) Zabel, and Matt (Kristin) Weirich; four stepgrandchildren, Chris Forbes, Eric Forbes, Jeromie Henderson and Jessica Henderson; a great-grandson, Brandt Weirich; five step-great-grandchildren, Alysia Forbes, Cody Forbes, Shelby Forbes, Steven Herendeen and Cameron Phillips; and a sister, Phyllis Balzer, Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marybell Fee, and a brother, David DePew.

Funeral services were held at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiated. Burial took place in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Honorary casketbearers were Tom Balzer and Don Fee. Active casketbearers were Josh Weirich, Melissa Zabel, Matt Weirich, Randy Fee, Craig Balzer and Jeromie Henderson.

Memorials are to the Faith United Methodist Church, Gideon's International or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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March 18, 2009 Wednesday

Doris Horton, 82

KENDALLVILLE - Doris Horton, age 82, died March 16, 2009 at 4:50 AM at her home in Kendallville.

She was born March 28, 1926 in Hardshell, Kentucky to Marion and Allie (Clemons) Campbell, both deceased. She moved to Indiana 35 years ago coming from Chicago. On June 28, 1968 she married George E. Horton in Chicago, Illinois. He survives in Kendallville.

Mrs. Horton was a homemaker. She played cards, loved to plant flowers and cook. She also loved listening to music and telling stories.

Other survivors include children, Joseph Robert (Sylvania) Gentry of Braid, Illinois, Sandra Gentry-Fugate of Kendallville, and Lora Lee (Brett) Gearhart of Butler; nine grandchildren, Bobby Joe Gentry, Shelby Mueller, Richard Thuren Gentry, Serena Carrier, Connie Lee Monzena, Taylor Kristine Gearhart, Whitney Marie Gearhart, and Lexi Renee Gearhart. One great-great-grandchild; three brothers, Marion Campbell Jr. of Albion, Orville Campbell of Kentucky, and John Campbell of Wisconsin; four sisters, Nora Baugard of North Carolina, Cora Glaman of Montana, Vina Campbell of Kentucky, and Stella Thomas of Illinois.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Lora Fugate, Doshie Campbell, and brothers, Chester Campbell and Arnold Campbell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Horton will be Thursday at 11:00 AM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Ernie Miller will officiate. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Rehoboth Cemetery in Albion.

Barbara Jo Sexton

March 3, 1935 - January 1, 2009

We would like to say a special thank you to the following people who helped us through this most difficult time of the unexpected death of our mother, Barbara Sexton. Thanks to our mother's sisters, brothers and their spouses... Joyce Reade, Billie Anne and Jack Rowe, Janice and Danny Simmons, Diane and Mark Reid, Brenda and Hank Ochoa, Richard and Glema Prater, Dockie (Bog) and Jackie Prater, Michael Prater, David and Deb Prater, and Ronnie Prater. All of mom's many nieces and nephews from the Prater side and the Sexton side. Also, Uncle Bob (Carl) Sexton. We want to thank all of you for your love and support. Avalon Village of Ligonier, the office and nursing staff for the day-to-day care that you gave to our mom. Pastor Michael Stanley, for your kind words and compassion and who helped us celebrate mom's life. Brian DeCamp and Andy David of Hite Funeral Home for your comfort, compassion, and caring; you guys are great. Also, Brian Guthrie of Hite Funeral Home for your visit with us. Thanks to all of our friends and co-workers who let us know how much they care. Thanks to Diane Sturgis and Cheryl (Sturgis) Haines, the best neighbors anyone could ever ask for and all of the wonderful memories. Thanks to all who sent flowers, plants, sympathy cards, and memorials. Thanks to Randy and Susan Smith, Sr. for providing and preparing the wonderful meal at the Kendallville Mason's Lodge #276 after the service. We will cherish all of the wonderful memories we had with mom's family and dad's family. We will never forget all the love and support we felt during this most difficult time. May God bless each and everyone of you.

The Family of
Barbara Sexton

Tammy Sexton and Doug Spidel
Nyra, Lon & Chelsey Wright

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Janice Burroughs

ANGOLA — Janice L. Burroughs, 68, of Angola died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Angola Christian Church, 1297 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Angola Christian Church.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Gaff

MERRIAM — Robert M. Gaff, 91, of Ligonier and formerly of Merriam died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ligonier Evangelical Church, Ligonier. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Cemetery outside Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Eleanor Herrman

FORT WAYNE — Eleanor F. Herrman, 82, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at her Fort Wayne residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the ILS Foundation, Fort Wayne.

Travis Kress

SNOW LAKE — Travis V. Kress, 26, of Snow Lake, Fremont, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at his Snow Lake home.

Mr. Kress

Mr. Kress was operations assistant at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola where he began his career as a teller in 2006.

He graduated in 2001 from Fremont High School and in 2005 he graduated from Tri-State University in Angola.

He was born Sept. 19, 1982, in Coldwater, Mich., to John A. and Diana (Holycross) Kress. They survive at Snow Lake.

Also surviving are a sister, Lori Kress of Fremont; an aunt, Mary Beam of Monroeville; and an uncle, Phillip Holycross of Fort Wayne.

A prayer service will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Garden Mausoleum at Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave. in Fort Wayne.

Internment will be at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Garden Mausoleum at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

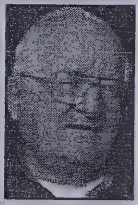
Memorials are to the Fremont High School baseball program or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Donald Kain

ORLAND — Donald C. Kain, 82, of Orland died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Kain had owned and operated the Kain Shell Station in Angola for more than 25 years. He also farmed in Orland throughout his retirement years.


Mr. Kain

He was a 1944 graduate of Orland High School.

Mr. Kain was a life member of the Orland Lions Club.

He was born May 13, 1926, in Nevada Mills, Ind., to Cleo H. and Josephine (Webb) Kain. He married Lillian I. Evans on Feb. 24, 1945. She died April 11, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Ruth Kain and Richard and Pam Kain, all of Orland; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Tim Chapman of Springport, Ind.; a brother, Fred Kain of Orland; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Margaret Kain Jacob; three brothers, Glen, John and Cleon Kain; and one granddaughter, Sarah Jean Chapman.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire Rescue or to the Orland Town Park.

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Herbert Stegman

ANGOLA — Herbert A. Stegman, 81, of Angola died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, in Angola.

Mr. Stegman was a retired financial adviser.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and Knights of Columbus Third Degree.

Mr. Stegman

Mr. Stegman was a deeply religious man and had a great love for his family and his country.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born August 28, 1927, in Ft. Thomas, Ky., to Carl and Leona (Schmitz) Stegman. He married Lois Seiler on Sept. 9, 1950. She died in 1997.

Surviving are six sons and five daughters-in-law, Daniel and Sherry Stegman of Grand Rapids, Mich., Kenneth and Linda Stegman of Eldridge, Iowa, David and Julie Stegman of Troy, Mich., Anthony Stegman of Houston, Texas, Robert and Phyllis Stegman of The Woodlands, Texas, and Patrick and Tracy Stegman of Maple Valley, Wash.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and William Schweitzer of Clarendon Hills, Ill., and Debbie and Bruce Bickford of Angola; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Sue Stegman of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jerry and Johanna Stegman of Ft. Mitchell, Ky., and James and Beverly Stegman of Ft. Thomas, Ky.; three sisters, Mary Ann Aldemeyer of Ft. Mitchell, Ky., Lorraine Owens of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Marlane Bowers of Florence, Ky.; 19 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating.

Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Clear Creek Cemetery in Bloomington, Ind.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Building Fund.

Gladys Wathen

ORLAND — Gladys Viola Wathen, 98, of Orland and Ruskin, Fla., died Monday, March 16, 2009, at Riviera Palms Rehabilitation Center in Palmetto, Fla.

Mrs. Wathen and her husband spent the winter months in Ruskin following retirement.

Mrs. Wathen

She attended Orland Congregational Church.

Mrs. Wathen was a 1928 graduate of Angola High School.

She was born Aug. 14, 1910, in Richmond, Okla., to John and Toretta (Heiserman) Shoup. She married James David "J.D." Wathen. He died May 21, 1996.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and Ernie Klotsch of Ruskin, Fla., Beverly Short of Tucson, Ariz., and Wanda and Mike McKenzie of Salem, S.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald "Dean" and Wilma Wathen of Athens, Mich.; a brother, Estle Shoup of Crooked Lake, Angola; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings, Gail, Wavel, Roy, Cleo, Kenneth, Hazel, Raymond and Wauneta.

Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Orland Congregational Church or to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Marianna Surfus-Yater

HOUSTON, Texas — Marianna Surfus-Yater, 69, died Saturday, March 14, 2009, in Houston.

She had retired as credit manager with Reed Tool/Hycalog.

Mrs. Surfus-Yater

She was the daughter of Larsh Allen and Eva Surfus.

Among her survivors are a sister, Nancy Kirk of Kendallville, Ind.; four daughters; two sons-in-law; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larsh Allen Surfus; her mother, Eva Ott Surfus Herb; and a grandson, Daniel Perez.

Private services were held in Texas.

Compean Funeral Home, 2102 Broadway Blvd., Houston, Texas 77012 was in charge of arrangements.

Connie Parker

CORUNNA — Connie B. Parker, 66, died Monday, March 9, 2009, at her home in Corunna.

Graveside services will be at 1 pm. Saturday at Newville Cemetery in Newville with Pastor Joe Freeman of Freedom to Worship Church of God in Altona officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Lorraine Gerzmehle

LAGRANGE — Lorraine B. Gerzmehle, 84, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Private family services will be held with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the 1st Presbyterian Church or LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Al Christian

KENDALLVILLE — Al Christian, age 49, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, in Kendallville.

Allen was born in LaGrange, Indiana, on June 29, 1959, to Everett Louis and Eloise (Anglin) Christian.

Mr. Christian

He graduated from ITT Technical Institute in Fort Wayne in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Automated Manufacturing. He went on to obtain a Master of Science in Management in 1991.

He married Patricia Ann Norton on May 29, 1999, in Berne, Indiana.

Al was just recently employed with ITT Aerospace in Fort Wayne. Prior to that he was employed with ThermaTru in Butler.

Al was devoted to his Christian faith and very conservative in his world view.

He was a faithful family man and loved spending time with his wife and children.

He was an active member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville. He loved singing in the Christmas and Easter cantatas, enjoyed singing with the men's quartet, and he also helped control the sound booth.

For many years, Al has loved working with computers. He loved music, and was a very talented singer and recording artist. He played bass in several bands in the area over the years.

Al also enjoyed photography, playing golf, biking and camping. He liked to watch movies, both old and new, and loved going on outings with "the boys" to Elmira to eat their famous fish.

He loved playing miniature golf and computer games with his boys and was always there to help friends and family with anything at anytime.

Survivors include his wife, Patti Christian of Kendallville; three sons, Cole, Brett, and Luke Christian, all at home in Kendallville; a daughter, Kaeli Christian, at home in Kendallville; his father, Everett Christian of Kendallville; his sister, Donna Christian of Kendallville; two brothers, Dave and Regina Christian of Kendallville and Tim and Sara Christian of Batavia, Ill.; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eloise Christian, who died December 6, 2005.

Visitation will be Friday, March 20, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Road in Kendallville. There will also be calling an hour before the funeral on Saturday.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier, Pastor Robert Farmer and Pastor Nathan Parker.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Dave Christian, Tim Christian, Nick Warren, Dave Thiem, Jim Carl and Scott Stark.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the children's college fund. Checks may be made payable to Patti Christian.

The family is being assisted by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Janice Burroughs

ANGOLA — Janice L. Burroughs, 68, of Angola died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Burroughs was a registered nurse at Home Health and Hospice and had worked at area nursing homes.

Mrs. Burroughs

She was a member of Angola Christian Church, the Homemakers Circle at Angola Christian Church and Tri Kappa.

Mrs. Burroughs had been a Sunday school and Bible school teacher and had volunteered for the Red Cross.

She was born Dec. 27, 1940, in Steuben County to Floyd and Verna (Sowles) DeLancey. She married John Burroughs on Feb. 19, 1961. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Jean Burroughs of Naples, Fla.; and three sisters, Linda DeLancey of Huntsville, Ala., Leona Griffith of Columbia, S.C., and Georgia Manahan of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m Saturday at Angola Christian Church, 1297 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church.

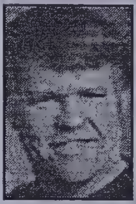
Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Billy Perkins

SPENCERVILLE — Billy Ray Perkins, 64, of Spencerville died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill the past nine years.

Mr. Perkins had been employed by International Harvester for 19 years and had retired in 2006 after working at General Motors for 21 years.

Born in New Haven, he was the son of Ray and Violet Perkins.


Mr. Perkins

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Pamela; his children, Michael (Valerie) Perkins and Penny (Morgan) Beliles, both of Spencerville; six grandchildren; and his siblings, Carol Abel of Columbia City, Sharon Van Zant of Fort Wayne, George Perkins of Harlan, Peggy Bandelier of Logansport, and Robert Perkins of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Rosalie Perkins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 14717 Amstutz Road, Leo, with Pastors Steve Schlatter and Nathan Hyde officiating. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Mildred Curtis

LAGRANGE — Mildred J. Curtis, 81, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Curtis

She had lived in LaGrange since 1941 when she moved here from Nebraska.

Mrs. Curtis was a homemaker and worked in the family business, Curtis Wrecking Inc. of LaGrange.

She was a 1945 graduate of LaGrange High School and a member of the Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

Mrs. Curtis was born on July 18, 1927, in Kearney, Neb., to Floyd and Tena (Johnson) Gitt. On Nov. 25, 1946, in LaGrange she married Donald D. "Pete" Curtis. He preceded her in death on May 18, 2008.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Curtis of Indianapolis; three sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Barbara Curtis of Howe, and Stephen and Sandra Curtis and Kem and Gail Curtis, all of LaGrange; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Wayne Gitt of Chandler, Ariz.

Also preceding her in death were four brothers, Walter, Clarence, Dale and Leslie Gitt.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Revs. Sandra Hutchens and Thomas McShannock officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Zion Lutheran Church or the LaGrange Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Wanda Chapman

CHURUBUSCO — Wanda L. Chapman, 86, a former resident of rural Churubusco and more recently a resident of Snow Lake near Fremont, died at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chapman

Mrs. Chapman was born in Smith Township on May 17, 1922, a daughter of Orval and Aria Etta (Gaff) Ramsey, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1940. She spent all of her life in the Churubusco area until four years ago when she became a year-round resident at her lake home in Steuben County.

A former employee of General Electric in Fort Wayne, she worked there for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco, the ELEX Club, and the G.E. Quintis Club.

She enjoyed being a farmer's wife, and in her leisure time enjoyed flowers, gardening and her life at the lake.

On August 30, 1941, she was married in Whitley County to Harry L. Chapman. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1995.

The surviving relatives include her daughters, Colleen (Jim Williams) McDougall of Fremont and Gloria "Susie" Fox of Greenfield; a sister, Hulda Marie Hursh Thornburg of Syracuse; four grandchildren, Kevin (Beth) McDougall, Kelly McDougall, Jeff Lothamer and Chad (Zhou Xue) Lothamer; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by a sister, Edna Mae Shroyer on November 20, 1958; and by a brother, Orval A. Ramsey on June 29, 1994.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 23, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 1130, Fairfax, VA 22038-1130

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Chapman's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Lorraine Gerzmehle

LAGRANGE — Lorraine B. Gerzmehle, 84, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Gerzmehle moved to LaGrange in 1963 from Arlington, Texas.

She was retired from Duo-Therm in LaGrange.

Mrs. Gerzmehle was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange.

She was born on June 14, 1924, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., to George and Ann (Keenan) Severson. She married Donald S. Gerzmehle on June 16, 1945, in Wisconsin Rapids. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 2005.

Surviving are a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Dea and Travis Burlew of Coos Bay, Ore.; two grandsons, Josh Gerzmehle of Goshen and Douglas Gerzmehle Jr. of Oklahoma; and four great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Douglas Gerzmehle on Sept. 9, 1996; two sisters; and a brother.

Private family services will be held with Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Dayton Lockwood

HAMILTON — Dayton Richard Lockwood, age 88, of Hamilton died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler, Ind.

Mr. Lockwood

He was born to the late Chester and Joyce Lockwood on December, 16, 1920, in DeKalb County, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Gwendolyn (Jennings) Lockwood, whom he married September 18, 1939. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Lois, and brothers, Bernard and Ronald.

Dayton is survived by his children, Lyle Wayne and his wife, Jean, of Beavercreek, Ohio, Karen Joy Ringler of Angola, Ind., and Neal E. and his wife, Yolanda, of Pleasant Lake, Ind.; two brothers, Clifford and his wife, Dorothy, of Waterloo and Willis and his wife, Donna, of Hamilton; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Ross and Shona of Friday Harbor, Wash., Scott and Jacalyn Ringler of Skiatook, Okla., Cheryl and Chuck Springwood of Normal, Ill., Bryan and Denise of Fremont, Ind., Craig and Kristin of Seattle, Wash., Melissa and Ken Baker of Fort Wayne, Monica and Todd Wells of Angola, Ind., and Robyn Ringler of Elkhart; 11 great-grandchildren, Larry and Kristin Sailors, David and Lisa Sailors, Jacob and Joshua Springwood, Garrett and Maddie Ringler, Lennnox Baker, August and Thad Wells and Urielle and Olivia Lockwood; and four great-great-grandchildren, Joe, Dale, Lee and Elizabeth Sailors.

Dayton graduated from Ashley High School in 1938. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 83rd Infantry Division from Dec. 16, 1944 to 1946, in the Battle of the Bulge and the European Theatre.

He started his working life at the Hamilton Lumber Co. and worked at the Angola Lumber Co. He was the manager of the Ashley-Hudson Lumber Co., and when he started he was the youngest manager of a lumber yard in Indiana.

He and his wife, Lois, later owned and managed Kendallville Paint and Wallpaper in Kendallville, Ind., until they retired. Dayton and Lois worked together with the paint, wallpaper and draperies including making house calls from the Kendallville store. He valued his customers and was fair in his business dealings.

Dayton served as commander of the Ashley Hudson Legion Post 527 and was a past member of the Ashley Town Board, a past member of the Ashley Kiwanis Club and a former member of Ashley Lodge 614 of the F&AM.

He and his wife enjoyed camping and family vacations. Dayton also enjoyed fishing, farming, tinkering and working with his hands.

Funeral arrangements are at the Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, Ind.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday and the funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Graveside military services will be at Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Steuben County 4-H programs in care of the Steuben County Extension Office, 317 S. Wayne St., Suite 1A, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

Eleanor Herrman

FORT WAYNE — Eleanor F. Herrman, 82, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at her home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne, and she was a homemaker.

She was a member of VFW and the American Legion.

Survivors include two daughters, Kay Kennedy of Fort Wayne and Karen Lenker of Wolcottville, Ind.; two sons, Bill Bowers of Dallas, Texas, and Brian Herrman of Wolcottville; her grandchildren, Kaylei Wiedelman, David Kennedy, Heather Wicker, Briana Herrman, Ashlee Bowers, John Kennedy, Cindy Steffy and Kathy Williams; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Byard Herrman; a son, Mike Bowers; a granddaughter, Amanda Kay Lenker and her parents, Walter and Minnie Cantrell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to ILS Foundation, Fort Wayne.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 20, 2009, Friday

Edna Eash

TOPEKA — Edna J. Eash, 87, of Topeka, Ind., died at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Life Care Center LaGrange, Ind., where she had been living since January 2, 2009.

Mrs. Eash

She was born March 8, 1922, in Thomas, Okla., to Jacob and Alma (Gingerich) Lambright.

She lived most of her life in this area.

On November 2, 1941, in Topeka, Ind., she married John H. Eash. He died April 2, 2008.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Townline Mennonite Church where she had been involved in the sewing circle.

She enjoyed gardening, crocheting and hosting friends and family in her home.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn (Steve) Overholt of Topeka, Ind., and Rosie Eash of Elkhart, Ind.; three sons, Wayne (Marilyn) Eash of Ligonier, Ind., Glen (Ingrid) Eash of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Ken (Linda) Eash of Churubusco, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; a stepgranddaughter; 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers, LeRoy (Georgia) Lambright of Easley, S.C., and Fritz Lambright of Elkhart, Ind.; three sisters, Mary (Lester) Miller of Middlebury, Ind., Mabel (Levi) Beechy of Kenton, Ohio, and Irene (Bob) Slabaugh of Lott, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a stepgranddaughter; a great-grandson; four brothers, Elmer, Floyd, Amos and Perry Lambright; and a sister, Viola Lambright.

Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. Saturday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m on Sunday, March 22, 2009, at Townline Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, Ind. Services will be conducted by Rev. Mel Eash and Rev. Andy Eversole.

Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials may be given to Parkview LaGrange Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Robert Presdorf

LAGRANGE — Robert D. Presdorf, 88, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Presdorf was a retired farmer and rural mail carrier with the LaGrange Post Office. He had lived most of his life in LaGrange County.

Mr. Presdorf

He was a member of the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

He was born on May 6, 1920, in LaGrange to Willis A. and Dula Belle (Erhart) Presdorf. On April 9, 1944, in Decatur, he married Deloris I. Beer. She preceded him in death on Oct. 24, 1979. On Dec. 26, 1981, in LaGrange, he married Lois W. (Brading) Endres. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carol A. Presdorf of Hobart, Ind.; two sons and three daughters-in-law, Tom A. and Karen Presdorf of Beaver Creek, Ohio, Ronald L. and Rita Presdorf of Saline, Mich., and Patricia Presdorf of Sturgis, Mich.; five stepdaughters and their husbands, Barbara and Phillip Curtis of Howe, Laura and Joe Polivick of West Chester, Ohio, Susan and David Roose of Rock Hill, S.C, Mary and Jim Coyle of Fishers, Ind., and Marcia and Jim Molenda of Carmel, Ind.; two stepsons and their wives, David and Karol Endres of LaCrescenta, Calif., and Gary and Kay Endres of Massillon, Ohio; 22 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Wayne Presdorf on April 26, 2006; a sister, Bernice Engle; and a brother, Donald Presdorf.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church with the Revs. Sandra Hutchens and Thomas McShannock officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Mondayat Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Carl Huff

MONGO — Carl Gordon Huff, 58, of Mongo and formerly of Baltimore, Md., died Thursday, March 12, 2009, at his home of cardiac myopathy.

Mr. Huff

He attended Immanuel Lutheran School before moving with his family to Wilmington, Del., in 1960 and later to Lansdowne, Pa.

He was a graduate of the Lansdowne Aldan High School. Following high school, he joined the United States Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Eventually returning to Baltimore, he managed a halfway house there and was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He sponsored a number of individuals who suffered from addiction. He was the founder of numerous AA and NA groups in various locations during his life.

As a youngster, Carl was interested in all things mechanical and maintained that interest throughout his life.

He owned a number of unusual vehicles which he kept in working order until his death. His hobby eventually turned into a career. For a number of years he owned his own business, Century Appliance, in South Bend. Most recently Carl was employed by NIPSCO in LaGrange County.

Carl became a member by baptism of the Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend on Easter Sunday, April 11, 1993. He was an active member of the church and a small group within the church, often sharing his positive attitude, quick wit, love of music and helpful spirit. Carl served as a faithful advocate and mentor to Jacob Downs, Berrien Spring, MI, throughout Jake's high school years and beyond. In fact, even after his move to Mongo in 1999 Carl continued to drive across the state to participate regularly at Kern Road, especially to connect with Jake at the monthly youth-advocate breakfast and in worship. During the past several years Carl was active at the Mongo United Methodist Church, Mongo, playing his drums each week in the contemporary worship service.

Friends and family of Carl are invited to join together in worship services remembering Carl. The Mongo United Methodist Church, S.R. 3 North, Mongo, will remember Carl during the contemporary worship service at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 22, with Pastor James D. Bartlett officiating. Another service will be held at the Kern Road Mennonite Church on Sunday, March 22, at 4 p.m. at 18211 Kern Road, South Bend, officiated by Pastors Andre Gingerich Stoner and Dave and Janice Sutter.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth H. Roulette and his father, H. Lee Huff.

He is survived by his stepfather, William U. Roulette of East Stroudsburg, Pa., his sister, Susan Kemp of Wittman, Md.; his brother, Cary Huff, (Annette) of Palm Beach, Australia; a niece, Summer Huff; and two nephews, A.J Huff and Nicholas Huff.

Until his death, Carl enjoyed the company of his beloved pets, Kitty The Cat and "Bob the Bird."

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

On-line condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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John Combs

WOLCOTTVILLE — John Combs, age 62, of Wolcottville died on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at his home in Wolcottville.

Mr. Combs

He was born in Knott County, Kentucky, on August 31, 1946, to Charles and Cassie (Napier) Combs.

Mr. Combs served his country in the United States Army from January 1966 to January of 1968.

He married Emma Mahon on October 11, 1991, at the Five Corners Baptist Church.

Mr. Combs worked at the Sturgis Foundry in Sturgis, Michigan, for 30 years. He also worked a second part-time job at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for nine years.

He attended the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mr. Combs loved to fish and play horseshoes and was an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Conners of LaGrange; five stepdaughters, Brenda Bolen and Randy Balser of Albion, Pricey and Mark Feipel of Rome City, Tammy Combs of Wolcottville, Beverly and Glen McHenry of Auburn and Virginia Deskins of West Virginia; a son, John Allen Combs of Stroh; two stepsons, John Paul May of Hudson and Freddie and Irene Deskins of Kermit, Kentucky; 21 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lee and Lucenia Combs of Wolcottville and J.W. and Vickie Combs of Stroh; three sisters, Herma Terry of Emmalena, Kentucky, Josephine Shipe of Anniston, Alabama, Cynthia and Charles Miller of Wawaka; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Emma (Mahon) Combs; two brothers; and four sisters.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 22, 2009, after 3 p.m. with an evening service at 7 p.m. at the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Clarence Combs.

Burial will be at the Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Dunbar

LIGONIER — Ruth Marie Dunbar, daughter of the late James and Bertha Lee Carrow Burdette, was born in Putney, West Virginia, on September 3, 1930.

She entered eternal life Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital in Whitesburg, Kentucky, being 78 years, 6 months and 15 days of age at the time of her passing.

Ruth married William "Bill" Dunbar in Clear Creek, West Virginia, on November 15, 1946. He passed away in 2002.

She enjoyed many things in life especially her family and friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty Sue Dunbar of Elkhart, Ind.; five sons, James (Derenia) Dunbar of Millstone, Kentucky, Dick (Louise) Dunbar of Surprise, Arizona, Kenny (Carol) Dunbar of Rittman, Ohio, Keith (Lisa) Dunbar of Wawaka, Ind., and Phillip (Hazel) Morris of Allegan, Mich.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Ruth is preceded in death by one son, Billy Dunbar; and one infant Dunbar grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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Tough exterior hid big heart

BY JIM SHILANDER
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HAMILTON — Dean Harger may have been a hard man for many to get to know, but behind the gruff exterior of the longtime owner of Harger's Meats was a man who loved his family, his church and his community.

Harger, 79, died March 2 after a number of long illnesses.

"Dean was my best friend," his wife, Donna, said. "I felt like he was a really smart business person, and everyone respected his opinion."

Donna said her husband was particularly proud of his children's time in Hamilton Community Schools.

"He was a big backer of Hamilton schools. He always supported the administration, which doesn't always happen in a small town. Whenever there would be a need for anything, like a fundraiser, he would always donate his time."

Daughter Suzie Tyler agreed.

"I think he was very proud that all of his children attended Hamilton schools," Suzie said, "and seeing his children be successful in different fields, business, education and medicine. He taught us a strong work ethic."

"And now the grandchildren have that," Donna interjected. "Whenever one of the kids would say they wanted a car, he'd always say, 'How many hours do you want?'"

"We all took our turns," son Jim Harger said.

While all the children worked at the butcher shop at one point or another, there really was never any pressure to make that a career choice, said Jeff Harger, who took over the business after his father retired.

"If you found something else you wanted to do, no problem, so long as you worked," he said.

Donna said it was also extrememly important for her husband that his family be involved in church activities, even if he wasn't for a long time.

"He never was able to attend church until after he retired," daughter Anita Jo Harger explained.

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Dean Harger, his family said, was a hard-working man who loved his family, his church and his business. Here, he's shown with his wife, Donna, and their nine great-grandchildren.

"He had to open the shop."

Still, Sundays were special.

"That was the only day we could have breakfast together," Tyler said. "We always had dinner together. But on Sundays, he would always holler at us to get dressed and come down for breakfast, so we'd always be dressed and ready for church."

Harger eased his way into retirement, Jeff said, as he and Donna spent a little more time each year at their winter house in Florida.

"After retiring, he did a lot of fishing, golf and woodworking," Donna said.

That last hobby produced a lot of furniture and some rocking-horses for their great-grandchildren. It also produced an ironic accident, Jo said.

"He never cut himself in all those years of butchering, but when he started woodworking he cut his finger off, working on a manger scene," she explained.

Harger always had family around. The family property outside Hamilton is the home of several children, and was the scene of thousands of memories during the summers around a private lake, referred to by some as "Hamburger Lake," built on the property.

The Harger "city cousins," coming from places like Dayton, Ohio, or Cleveland, would visit during the summer to get taste of life in the country.

"They still enjoy it today and bring their kids," Donna said.

While Harger worked hard at the butcher shop, he always made time to see his children's sporting events.

"We worked hard, but if there was a sporting event, we were there," Donna said.

She and Dean would eat sweet cherries on the way to events, she said, "I'm surprised there's not a row of cherry trees from here to Hicksville."

"We just all know what a great person he was," Tyler said. "The outpouring of friends just reaffirmed that for us. It made you realize how other people feel that wav. too."

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Boyd Moore

WATERLOO — Boyd Daniel Moore, 74, of Waterloo died Saturday, March 21, 2009, at his home with his family by his side.

Mr. Moore was born June 6, 1934, in Jackson, Ky., to the late Ova and Allie (Minton) Moore.

Mr. Moore

He worked as a police officer for the Jackson, Ky., police force from 1964 to 1975. He then worked for Bostwick-Braun in Ashley until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1997. He was a member of Love Divine Baptist Church in Ashley and a U.S. Army Veteran.

He married Virginia Morris on Dec. 31, 1966, in Jackson, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lula and Lester Bellamy of Trenton, Ohio, and Marsha Moore of Peru, Ind.; two brothers, Robert A. Moore of Peru and Jesse C. Moore of Charleston, W. Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, George Moore, and a sister, Lois Childers.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Breathitt Funeral Home in Jackson, Ky. Pastors Carl Richie, Willie Collins and Carl McIntosh will officiate. Burial will be in Jackson Cemetery in Jackson, Ky.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo and Wednesday at Breathitt Funeral Home in Jackson, Ky.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Leonard Curie

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Leonard L. Curie, 89, died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va., of an acute illness.

He was born in St. Joe, but resided in Fort Wayne until 2004.

Mr. Curie

Mr. Curie served in the U.S Navy during World War II and was a member of the American Legion for 64 years. He worked at Zollner Corp. for over 30 years. A longtime member of the Zollner Golf League, he shot his first and only hole-in-one when he was 80 years old.

His wife, Garnet Curie, preceded him in death in 1991.

Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Linda Curie-Cohen and Steve Ghitelman of Vienna, Va.; his only grandchild, Ostra Jewell, and great-granddaughters Rachel and Allison Jewell of Cary, N.C. He also leaves behind his beloved Indiana friends.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Washington Street in St. Joe. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe will follow.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Mildred Herrick

BUTLER — Mildred M. Herrick, 97, died Saturday, March 21, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Mike Halferty officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dulcie Cox

LIGONIER — Dulcie Cox, 84, of McAllen, Texas, and formerly of Syracuse, died Saturday, March 21, 2009, at AM at Solara Hospital in McAllen, Texas. Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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On behalf of all the employees at Guardian - Auburn

In Memory of
William Davidson

AUBURN HILLS, Mich., (March 14, 2009) - The global Guardian Industries family mourns the loss of its visionary leader and guiding light, owner and CEO William Davidson – "Mr. D" to the more than 19,000 Guardian people around the world. We are deeply saddened by his passing on March 13, 2009 at his home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

During his 52 years at the helm of Guardian, he provided vision, leadership and a straightforward approach to building business with an entrepreneurial style second to none. He established a no-nonsense, anti-bureaucratic culture within Guardian Industries and the other organizations he led. He will be remembered for his steady hand that propelled Guardian to the forefront of its many business segments in countries throughout the world. His leadership principles and legacy of innovation and excellence are embedded in the company's leadership team, which will continue to provide management of the company according to a transition plan established by the team more than a decade ago.

About Guardian Industries Corp.:
Guardian is a diversified global manufacturing company headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan, with leading positions in float glass, fabricated glass products, fiberglass insulation and other building materials for commercial, residential and automotive markets. Through its Science & Technology Center, Guardian is at the forefront of innovation, including development of high-performance glass coatings and other advanced products. Guardian, its subsidiaries and affiliates employ 19,000 people and operate facilities throughout North America, Europe, South America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Locally Guardian, Auburn, IN employees 250 employees and produces automotive glass products and solar mirrors.

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Mildred Herrick

BUTLER — Mildred M. Herrick, 97, died Saturday, March 22, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and former owner of the Coffee Shop in Butler.

Mrs. Herrick was born on Nov. 23, 1911, in Butler to William and Edna (Bunce) Easterday. She married Ford H. Herrick on Sept. 23, 1936, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on June 21, 1971.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Gay Herrick, Butler; a daughter, Patricia Gumbert, New Haven; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Donald Herrick and Robert Brickel; two brothers, Cal and Willard Easterday; and two sisters, Thelma Taylor and Golda South.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Mike Halferty officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice or Youth for Christ.

Paul Traxler

QUINCY, Mich. — Paul A. Traxler, 81, of Quincy, Mich., died Sunday, March 22, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Frank Leto

ANGOLA — Frank R. Leto Jr., 65, died Sunday, March 22, 2009, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Gloria Komanec

SPENCERVILLE — Gloria L. Komanec, 84, of Spencerville died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Marsha Stewart

FREMONT — Marsha Stewart, 55, of Fremont died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with calling one hour prior.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Mid-West Cremation Society and Memorial Chapel in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Dulcie Cox

McALLEN, Texas — Dulcie Cox, 84, of McAllen, Texas, formerly of Syracuse, Ind., died Saturday, March 22, 2009, at Solara Hospital, McAllen, Texas.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Col. Lawrence Gilbert

WINTER PARK, Fla. — Col. Lawrence G. Gilbert, USAF (Ret.), 90, of Winter Park, Fla., died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at his residence.

Memorial services were held today in Winter Park, Fla.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Fla., or the 392nd Bomb Group Memorial Association, www.b24.net.

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Dulcie Cox

LIGONIER — Dulcie Cox, 84, of McAllen, Texas, and formerly of Syracuse and Albion died Saturday, March 21, 2009, in McAllen.

Mrs. Cox

Mrs. Cox was a homemaker.

She had lived in Albion with her daughter, Joan, for 14 years before moving to Texas.

Mrs. Cox had attended the Baptist Church for many years.

She was born Dec. 2, 1924, in Cold Fork, W.Va., to Leslie and Alice (Ingram) Criner. She married Arley "Bud" Cox on Dec. 9, 1947. He died in December 1988.

Surviving are six children, Joan (Dan) Routsong of Albion, Steve Cox of Albion, Sharon (Wayne) Yates of Indianapolis, Kathy (Don) Irwin of Goshen, Cheryl Cox of Goshen and Guy Cox of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandchild; three brothers; two sisters; and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Russell Fuhrmann officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse. Pallbearers will be Mike Burdette, Brent Holloway, Matt Moser, Don Irwin, Clay Moore and Mitchell Burdette.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ligonier.

Mari Pipoly

ANGOLA — Mari Y. Pipoly, 58, of Angola went home to the Lord on March 22, 2009, at her home in Angola, Indiana.

Mrs. Pipoly

She had been a cashier at McDonald's in Angola and a teller at Wells Fargo Bank for 23 years.

Mrs. Pipoly was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

She graduated from Jackson Community College.

Mrs. Pipoly loved spending time with her grandson. She also enjoyed traveling, photography and bowling.

She was born June 2, 1950, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Donald and Norma (Hogan) Leader.

She married Robert Pipoly on Sept. 19, 1970. He survives in Angola, Indiana.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Jason Klug of Fort Wayne, Indiana; a brother, David Leader of Reading, Mich.; a sister, Beverlee Leader of Reading, Mich.; and a grandson, Brandon Klug.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Drew.

A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or Cameron Hospice and Home Health in Angola.

Col. Lawrence Gilbert

WINTER PARK, Fla. — Retired United States Air Force Col. Lawrence G. Gilbert, 90, of Winter Park died Thursday, March 19, 2009, in Winter Park.

Col. Gilbert began his Air Force career flying B-18s, later serving as an instructor pilot and operations officer. He ultimately became the group commander of the 392nd Bomb Group in Wendling, England, during World War II.

He continued his service with the Air Force in the Berlin Airlift and later with the Military Air Transport Service until his retirement in 1961.

Col. Gilbert was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School and had attended Tri-State College.

He was the son of Charles R. and Gertrude (Ransburg) Gilbert of Pleasant Lake. He married Marjorie E. Hardy in Hudson in 1945. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Anne Brooks of College Station, Texas; a son, Lawrence G. Gilbert Jr. of Orlando, Fla.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roger Gilbert of Angola; and a sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Meyer of Angola.

A memorial service was held in Winter Park on March 23.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Fla., or the 392nd Bomb Group Memorial Association, www.b24.net.

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Hugh Mullen

COTOPAXI, Colo. — Hugh Thomas Mullen, 82, of Cotopaxi and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, March 21, 2009, at his son's home in Cotopaxi. Mr. Mullen had lived in Colorado since May 2008.

Surviving him are his wife, Katherine (Becker) Mullen whom he married Aug. 10, 1954. Also surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Craig W. and Rose Mullen of Cotopaxi, and a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie E. and Conrad Treff of Fort Wayne; three grandsons; two granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was born to Charles Henry Mullen and Mary Margaret (Seng) Mullen on May 22, 1926. They preceded him in death, along with a sister, June Swartz.

Mr. Mullen had worked at John Campbell Chevrolet for a number of years and at Allison Automotive Co. for 12 years. He then worked as parts manager at Parker Niven Chevrolet for 21 years, retiring in 1988.

Following his retirement, he operated a bicycle repair shop until 2003 and worked part time at Ensley's Service in Kendallville until his health deteriorated.

Mr. Mullen was a lifelong and faithful member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944.

Mr. Mullen loved to camp and fish and enjoyed Chicago Cubs baseball and attending basketball games at the Big Blue Pit where he held season tickets for many years.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of services.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran School, the Alzheimer's Foundation or to the family.

Marsha Stewart

FREMONT — Marsha Stewart, 55, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had worked at Tuttle's Jewelry, IZOD, Aileens and most recently at Toy Liquidators in Fremont.

Surviving are her husband, David; daughters, Stephanie (Matthew) Kline of Cadillac, Mich., Stacie (Michelle) Lancaster of Fort Wayne; Shannon Lancaster of Fort Wayne; Shannel (Scott) Nusbaum of Garrett and Shawna at home; a son, Seth, at home; a stepson, Matthew (Amy) Stewart of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and three brothers, Joseph (Ginny) Crone of Hartford City, Darrell (Kathy) Crose Sr. of Fort Wayne and Richard Crone of Angola.

Memorial service is at 2 p.m. today at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with Pastor Norm Fuller officiating.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

Midwest Cremation Society and Memorial Chapel in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Stephan Belot

LEO — Stephan J. Belot, 67, of Leo died Sunday, March 22, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery with military rites.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Frank Leto Jr.

ANGOLA — Frank Robert Leto Jr., 65, of Angola died Sunday, March 22, 2009, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Leto was born Dec. 16, 1943, in Chicago to Frank P. and Angelina (Millazzo) Leto.

Surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Richard and Pam Leto of Angola and Joseph Leto of Inverness, Fla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Ed Norris and Marie Biley, all of Inverness; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be 4 p.m. Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) Friday at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, Ill.

Online condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 24, 2009, Tuesday

Paul Traxler

QUINCY, Mich. — Paul A. Traxler, 81, of Quincy died Sunday, March 22, 2009, at his Quincy home.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Harold Jewel officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater with private family graveside committal services. Military color guard honors will be conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to CHC of Branch County Hospice Services..

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Isadore Bradley

KENDALLVILLE — Isadore Bradley, 85, of Kendallville died Monday, March 23, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rae Chaudoin

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Rae Jean Chaudoin, 86, of the Chapel House at Hopkinsville and formerly of Fremont, Ind., died at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009, at the Christian Health Center.

Services were held Sunday at Hughart & Beard Funeral Home in Hopkinsville.

Burial will be at a later date in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to Christian Care Communities, care of Chapel House, 100 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

Robert Oakley Jr.

HOWE — Robert L. Oakley Jr., 82, of Howe died Monday, March 23, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 24, 2009, Tuesday

Gloria Komanec

SPENCERVILLE — Gloria L. Komanec, 84, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born on July 28, 1924, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, to the late John Henry and Mildred F. (Palmer) Kling. She married James Edward Komanec on May 27, 1950, in Hicksville, Ohio. He preceded her in death on August 6, 2001.

Mrs. Komanec

Surviving are a son, Dale E. Komanec of Spencerville, Ind.; two daughters, Janette (Michael) Blomeke of Ashley, Ind., and Cynthia (Randy) Sweet of Hicksville, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, Benjamin (Jennifer) Blomeke, Christine Blomeke, Phillip Blomeke, Rachel Komanec, Alexander Blomeke, Sarah Komanec, Charles Blomeke, Austin Sweet, Adrienne Sweet, Douglas Blomeke and Aimee Sweet; 2 great-grandchildren, Katherine & Andrew Blomeke.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Lilian E. Means-Dever on August 20, 1999.

Gloria graduated from Spencerville High School. She worked as an assembler for General Electric in Fort Wayne; as a key punch operator for U.S. Navy and the U.S. Department of the Navy and also General Telephone in Fort Wayne; and as a stock transfer clerk for Indiana Bank & Trust Company in Fort Wayne.

She was a WWII Navy WAVE veteran and a 36-year member of the American Legion Post 409 in Leo, Indiana.

Calling will be held today, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. David Carkenord officiating. Burial in Scipio Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials are to the Parkview Heart Institute, Attn: Parkview Foundation - 2200 Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 25, 2009, Wednesday

Deloris Heileman

LAGRANGE — Deloris J. Heileman, 79, of LaGrange died Monday, March 23, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Heileman had been a 50-year resident of South Milford before spending the last five years in LaGrange.

Mrs. Heileman

She was a homemaker and had worked at Silicones in South Milford from 1977 until she retired in 1987.

Mrs. Heileman graduated from Kendallville High School in 1947.

She was born in Kendallville on June 10, 1929, to Russell and Mathella (Potts) Miller. She married her first husband, Cecil Franklin, on Sept. 21, 1948, in Albion. He died in 1988. She then married Harold Heileman on July 2, 1989, in Wolcottville. He died in 1999.

Surviving are a son, James and Sallie Franklin of Ontario, Ind.; three daughters, Judy and Doug Reed of LaGrange, Mary and Dave Nartker of South Milford and Brenda and Jeff Souder of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Nancy Musser of Indianapolis and Goldie Dunkel of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one grandson; one stepson; and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Geneva Bender

MIDDLEBURY — Geneva Joyce Bender, 66, of Middlebury died Monday at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the American Liver Foundation or First Mennonite Church.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 25, 2009, Wednesday

Isadore Bradley

KENDALLVILLE — Isadore Bradley, age 85, of Kendallville died on Monday, March 23, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, on October 29, 1923, to Kendall and Dollie (Shepherd) Bradley.

Mr. Bradley

Mr. Bradley married Mable Bailey June 1, 1947, in Kentucky. She survives in Kendallville.

He worked for Monsanto in Ligonier from 1966 until he retired in 1991. Prior to Monsanto, he worked at The Wheel Works in Kendallville for a number of years.

He was an active member of the Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

Mr. Bradley loved bird and squirrel watching, long walks around Bixler Lake and fishing.

He was a good neighbor and loved to be with his family and grandkids.

Survivors include his wife, Mable Bradley of Kendallville; one son, Robert Bradley and Carolyn Garman of Kendallville; one daughter, Carla Halferty and James Stuller of Helmer; five grandchildren, Scott Gamble, Wendell David Parker, Heather Stegemann, Kevin Bradley and Kyle Bradley; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Clayton Bradley of LaOtto; two sisters, Hazel Stephens of Florida and Loretta Lahman of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Patricia Parker; one granddaughter, Kelly Bradley; one brother, Leslie Bradley; and one infant sister, Mable Bradley.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 26, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

View a video tribute by Thursday, March 26, 2009, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 25, 2009 Wednesday

John Combs, 62

WOLCOTTVILLE – John Combs, age 62, of Wolcottville died on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at his home in Wolcottville.

He was born in Knott County, Kentucky on August 31, 1946 to Charles and Cassie (Napier) Combs.

Mr. Combs served his country in the United States Army from January 1966 to January of 1968.

He married Emma Mahon on October 11, 1991 at the Five Corners Baptist Church.

Mr. Combs worked at the Sturgis Foundry in Sturgis, Michigan for 30 years. He also worked a second part-time job at Krafts in Kendallville for 9 years.

He attended the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mr. Combs loved to fish, play horseshoes and was an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan.

Survivors include: one daughter, Linda Conners of LaGrange; five step-daughters, Brenda Bolen and Randy Balser of Albion, Pricey (Mark) Feipel of Rome City, Tammy Combs of Wolcottville, Beverly (Glen) McHenry of Auburn, and Virginia Deskins of West Virginia; one son, John Allen Combs of Stroh; two step-sons, John Paul May of Hudson and Freddie (Irene) Deskins of Kermit, Kentucky; twenty-one grandchildren; many great grandchildren; two brothers, Lee (Lucenia) Combs of Wolcottville and J.W. (Vickie) Combs of Stroh; three sisters, Herma Terry of Emmalena, Kentucky, Josephine Shipe of Anniston, Alabama and Cynthia (Charles) Miller of Wawaka; several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife; Emma (Mahon) Combs, two brothers and four sisters.

Funeral Services were at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Clarence Combs.

Burial was at the Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Robert M. Gaff, 91

MERRIAM – Robert M. Gaff, 91, formerly of Merriam and currently residing in Ligonier passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at the Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Gaff spent all of his life in Merriam except the last six years he resided with his wife at the Avalon Village apartments in Ligonier.

On March 17, 1918 Mr. Gaff was born in Green Township, Noble County to Milo and Abby (Ott) Gaff.

On November 4, 1939 in Merriam Mr. Gaff married Naomi Keister, she passed away on January 26, 1992. He then married Nada Brown in Ligonier on October 16, 1993 and she survives in Ligonier.

In 1984 after several years of service Mr. Gaff retired as a Safety Consulant for the IOSHA Divison of Labor.

Mr. Gaff was an avid sports fan who loved the Chicago Cubs. He also enjoyed when his children were younger attending there sporting events and his grandchildrens sporting events.

Among his survivors include his wife Nada Gaff of Ligonier, six sons, Neal (Kathy) Gaff of Angola, Monte (Nancy) Gaff of Churubusco, Lyle (Terri) Gaff of Elkhart, Martin (Sally) Gaff of Kouts, Indiana, Jack (Debbie) Gaff of LaGrange, and Douglas (Rebecca) Gaff of Rolling Prairie, Indiana; two daughters, Julie Gaff and Lucille Gaff of Warsaw; one step daughter Sammie (Marvin) Zelt of Fort Wayne.; one son-in-law, Victor Hiatt of LaGrange; twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Naomi Gaff Keister on January 26, 1992; one daughter Dolores Hiatt in 1997; his parents; four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral Services were on at the Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Burial followed at the Merriam Christian Cemetery outside of Merriam.

Ulrey – Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier were in charge of the arrangements.

www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 25, 2009 Wednesday

Ruth Marie Dunbar, 78

LIGONIER — Ruth Marie Dunbar, daughter of the late James and Bertha Lee Carrow Burdette, was born in Putney, West Virginia, on September 3, 1930.

She entered eternal life Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital in Whitesburg, Kentucky, being 78 years, 6 months and 15 days of age at the time of her passing.

Ruth married William "Bill" Dunbar in Clear Creek, West Virginia, on November 15, 1946. He passed away in 2002.

She enjoyed many things in life especially her family and friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty Sue Dunbar of Elkhart, Ind.; five sons, James (Derenia) Dunbar of Millstone, Kentucky, Dick (Louise) Dunbar of Surprise, Arizona, Kenny (Carol) Dunbar of Rittman, Ohio, Keith (Lisa) Dunbar of Wawaka, Ind., and Phillip (Hazel) Morris of Allegan, Mich.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Ruth is preceded in death by one son, Billy Dunbar; and one infant Dunbar grandchild.

Funeral services were at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Dulcie Cox, 84

SYRACUSE — Dulcie Cox, age 84, passed away March 21, 2009 in McAllen, Texas were she was residing.

She was born on December 2, 1924 in Cold Fork, WV, the son of Leslie and Alice (Ingram) Criner.

Mrs. Cox married Arley "Bud" Cox on December 9, 1947. He passed away in December of 1988.

She made her home in Albion, IN with her daughter Joan for 14 years before moving to Texas in 2007. She was a homemaker her entire life, and attended the Baptist Church for many years.

Her survivors include: six children: Joan (Dan) Routsong of Albion, Steve Cox of Albion, Sharon (Wayne) Yates of Indianapolis, Kathy (Don) Irwin of Goshen, Cheryl Cox of Goshen, and Guy Cox of Fort Wayne; ten grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by one grandchild, three brothers, two sisters and her parents.

Funeral Service will be Thursday March 26, 2009 at 11:00 AM. at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, IN. Rev. Russell Fuhrmann will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Mike Burdette, Brent Holloway, Matt Moser, Don Irwin, Clay Moore, & Mitchell Burdette

Burial will follow in Syracuse, IN.

Memorial contributions to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ligonier.

The Yeager Funeral in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

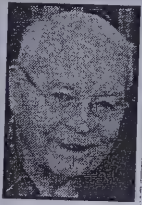
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 26, 2009, Thursday

Howard Trowbridge

ELKHART — Howard O. Trowbridge, 91, of Elkhart passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing in Angola, Indiana.

Howard was born April 19, 1917, in Elkhart, Indiana, to John Lawrence and Bessie (Petre) Trowbridge.

He married Ethel Louise (Green) Trowbridge on June 29, 1941. She preceded him in death on May 6, 1999. They spent most of their married life on their farm in rural Elkhart, surviving the Palm Sunday tornado of April 1965, and rebuilding their home on the same site.



Mr. Trowbridge

Their two children, Gene Howard Trowbridge and Nancy Louise Hostetler, both preceded them in death. Gene on March 23, 1999, and Nancy on July 6, 1991.

Howard graduated from Concord High School in Elkhart, Indiana, in 1935. He worked as a tool and die maker, retiring from South Bend Tool and Die. He was also a life-long farmer.

He enjoyed socializing at high school, family and South Bend Tool and Die reunions. He was known to be a great conversationalist, a proud father and grandfather, and a truly good-natured gentleman.

He is survived by a daughter-in-law, Leona Trowbridge of Wakarusa; a son-in-law, Larry Hostetler of Wilkinson; four grandchildren, Larry (Melody) Trowbridge of Elkhart, Bruce (Sally) Trowbridge of Eben Junction, Michigan, Greg (Melissa) Hostetler of Fremont, and Scott (Christie) Hostetler of Westfield; and seven great-grandchildren, Larry and Erica Trowbridge, Zhanna and Eva Hostetler, and Jacob, Eli and Ruthie Hostetler.

Funeral services will be held at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, 117 W. Waterford St., Wakarusa, Indiana, on Friday, March 27, at 1 p.m.

Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Baugo Church of the Brethren or the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com.

Raoul O'Dell

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Raoul Lucien O'Dell, 66, of Springfield, Ohio, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St., Avilla.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Bethel Patterson

ROME CITY — Bethel Patterson, 79, of Rome City died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 6:05 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Barbara Miller

GOSHEN — Barbara J. Miller, 63, of Goshen died Monday, March 23, 2009, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at West Goshen Church of the Brethren. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 27, 2009, Friday

Bethel Patterson

ROME CITY — Bethel I. Patterson, 79, of Rome City died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 6:05 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Patterson

Mrs. Patterson has lived in Rome City since 1965, coming from Kentucky. She retired from Rome City School as a preschool teacher. She also cared for children in her home for a number of years.

She enjoyed gardening, flowers, and caring for children.

She was born June 14, 1929, in Hazard, Kentucky, to Marion and Elmira (Smith) Combs. On November 26, 1951, in Kentucky she married James O. Patterson. He preceded her in death on December 29, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim "Sponge-Bob" Patterson of Rome City, Michael and Jennifer Patterson of Albion, and Otis Darrell Patterson of Rome City; two grandsons, Drew Patterson and Jesse Patterson; and a great-granddaughter, Kylee Grace Patterson.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Lee Combs and Pastor Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Casketbearers will be Alonza Combs, Drew Patterson, Jesse Patterson, Howard Patrick, Jerry Combs, Cord Combs, Tyler Miller and Rick Conley.

Calling will be today, Friday, March 27, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Joan Brady

LAGRANGE — Joan R. Brady, 75, of LaGrange, Ind., died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Brady

Living in LaGrange, Ind., and Sturgis, Mich., all of her life, she was a homemaker.

She most recently worked at Robin's Nest Floral Shop in LaGrange.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange and LaGrange American Legion Post 215 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Brady was born on June 23, 1933, in Sturgis, Mich., to the late Otto A. and Hazel V. (Slaybaugh) King.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Tim Balk of Elkhart, Ind., and Anne and Joe Billman of LaGrange, Ind.; three grandchildren, Evan, Ben, and Adria; and her companion, William "Dale" Picker of LaGrange.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Michael A. Brady in 1970, and a sister, Janet Carver.

A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 30, 2009, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Ind.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2009, from 2-5 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials may be made as Masses to St. Joseph Catholic Church, American Legion Post 215 Auxiliary Nursing Scholarship Fund, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for leukemia research.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 27, 2009, Friday

Margarett Bryant

KENDALLVILLE — Margarett M. Bryant, age 65, of Kendallville died on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bryant

She was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on April 25, 1943, to Elijah and Sally (Meade) Hall. She married Sidney Bryant on July 1, 1962, and he passed away on October 19, 1997.

Mrs. Bryant was a homemaker all of her life.

She was a member of the House of Prayer in Kendallville where she love to attend services.

Mrs. Bryant also loved to sing and play her instruments — the guitar, autoharp and keyboard.

Survivors include one son, Thomas and Paula Bryant of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Ashley Thacker, Reshia Payne, Emily Payne and Jordon Payne, all of Kendallville; one brother, Richard and Zena Hall of Willard, Ohio; and one son-in-law, Jeff Thacker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Veronica Thacker; four brothers; and one sister.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 29, 2009, from 2-5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 30, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Nannie McPherson

LAGRANGE — Nannie McPherson, 56, of LaGrange died at 5 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009 at her residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Harbor of Love Church, Kendallville, with burial in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. Sunday at the church with an evening service at 6 p.m.

Private family services will be Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

View a video tribute or send condolences online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Andrew Mueller

VENICE, CALIF. — Andrew F. Mueller, 94, formerly of Angola, died Monday, March 23, 2009.

Cremation has taken place.

Laura McClure

MIDDLEBURY — Laura A. McClure, 43, of Middlebury, died at 5 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009 at her residence.

A family graveside service will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital or flowers may be sent to the family home at 53160 Beverly Hills Drive, Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Raoul O'Dell

AVILLA — Raoul Lucien O'Dell, 66, of Springfield, Ohio, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. O'Dell worked for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and also in Springfield, where he later retired.

He was born Sept. 11, 1942, in Bizerte, Tunisia, to James C. and Josie (Albacete) O'Dell. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are his wife, Connie O'Dell of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter, Stephanie O'Dell of Minneapolis, Minn.; a brother, Grover O'Dell of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Robert Blotkamp of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John O'Dell, and a sister, Nicole York.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St., Avilla.

Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 28, 2009, Saturday

Ben Amerman

KENDALLVILLE — Ben Amerman, 82, of Kendallville died on Thursday, March 26, 2009.

He was born in Elkhart, Indiana, on August 9, 1926, to Chester and Opal (McFadden) Amerman.

Mr. Amerman

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1944.

He married Martha J. (Mulholland) Amerman on April 5, 1946, in Albion and she passed away on May 25, 2000.

Mr. Amerman owned and operated the Sinclair/ARCO service station at the corner Main and Diamond streets in Kendallville. He also owned the Amerman's Car Museum and Antiques.

He was a member of the Kendallville Moose 1301, the Sons of the American Legion and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club.

Survivors include three daughters; Sharon Fogel of Warren, Michigan, Marilyn and Larry Danner of Kendallville and Barbara Amerman of Fremont; four grandchildren, Michelle Kedzior, Kelli and Scott Hayes, Ben Mobley, and Archie and Rabecca Mobley; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Martha Amerman; one son, Larry Amerman; and one brother, Gerald Amerman.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 4, 2009, from noon to 4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana, at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to the ACD Club.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

June Minar

ROME CITY — June L. Minar, 94, of Rome City died Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 5:05 p.m. in Northridge Village Nursing Home, Albion.

Mrs. Minar

Mrs. Minar was a 1932 graduate of Kendallville High School. She had lived in Rome City since 1939. She had worked at Swartzlander's Jewelry Store in Kendallville, and was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, Noble County Extension Homemakers, VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary, American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary, and was a past worthy matron of Orange Chapter 232 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born June 20, 1914, in Kendallville to Francis E. and Nettie Mearle (Balliet) Cramer. On Aug. 17, 1939, in Plato she married Stanley B. "Bud" Minar. He preceded her in death on July 4, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Anna Minar of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Gaynelle and Ken Crews of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; a grandson, Nicholas Minar; and a sister, Florede Baughman of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Waldo Cramer in 1974 and Hugh Cramer in 1980.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rome City United Methodist Church in Rome City with Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the Rome City United Methodist Church or American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary.

Condolences may be sent on line to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 28, 2009, Saturday

Thurman Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Thurman Gibson, age 69, of Kendallville died on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at his Kendallville home.

He was born in Knot County, Kentucky, on January 22, 1940, to William and Luecreta (Gibson) Gibson.

Mr. Gibson

Mr. Gibson worked at the Garrett Foundry for 14 years and then later at the Kendallville Foundry for nine years.

He liked to walk around Bixler Lake and talk to his friends and loved to do yard work and take care of his home.

Mr. Gibson like to hunt and fish in his younger years and he was an avid gun collector.

Survivors include his mother, Luecreta Gibson of Kendallville; three sons, William Gibson of Louisiana, Mitchell Gibson of Louisiana and Thurman Gibson Jr. and Charlien Witt of Angola; four daughters, Mary Ann Slone of Angola, Karen of Fort Wayne, Vicky of Kendallville and Shawn Gibson of Warsaw; 14 grandchildren; five sisters, Flossie Martin of Kendallville, Mildred Banks of Avilla, Cosbie Salisbury of Albion, Mary Sue Halferty of Arkansas and Elizabeth Pelfery of Shipshewana; and five brothers, Emory Gibson of Rome City, Worley Gibson of Kendallville, Arthur Gibson of Waterloo, Recie Gibson of Kendallville and Melvin H. of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Gibson; two grandsons; one brother; and two sisters.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 29, 2009, any time after 3 p.m. at True Church of God In Jesus' Name in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2 p.m. at True Church of God In Jesus' Name, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Glen Patrick.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Louise Button

KENDALLVILLE — Louise R. Button, 96, of Kendallville died Friday, March 27, 2009, at 5:25 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Audra Hawkins

ANDERSON — Audra Marie Alen Hawkins, 1, died Thursday, March 26, 2009, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Aug. 20, 2007, in Indianapolis.

Her mother, Heather Hawkins, survives in Anderson.

She is also survived by grandparents, Gregg and Elane Scott of Butler and Mike and Tracey Hawkins of Butler; great-grandparents, Patricia Fuentes of Kendallville, Charles and Susan Scott of Kannapolis, N.C., Larry and Kathy Dove of Butler, Louise Mansfield of Lake Placid, Fla., and Glen Hawkins of Sonora, Ky.; her godparents, Rodney and Debbie Murphy of Anderson; seven aunts; four uncles; and many cousins.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Kevin Marsh officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 28, 2009, Saturday

Nannie Mcpherson

LAGRANGE — Nannie Mcpherson, 56, of LaGrange died at 5 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009, in her residence following a year-long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Mcpherson

Mrs. Mcpherson had moved to the area at age 4, coming from Kentucky.

She was a homemaker, and attended World Harvest Family Worship Center in Garrett.

She was born March 25, 1953, in West Liberty, Ky., to Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins. On March 15, 1997, in Kendallville she married Andrew Mcpherson. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Teresa and Gary Hunter of Kendallville, Terry Brown of LaGrange and Tammy and Jose Santacruz of Avilla; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stacy Shirk of Garrett and Scot and Heather Shirk of Garrett; three stepdaughters, Twana Maurer of Waterloo, Amanda Mcpherson of Woodburn and Shana Mcpherson of Auburn; a stepson, Adam Mcpherson of Garrett; 21 grandchildren; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Mary Bolen of LaGrange, her twin Annie and Don Kessler of North Manchester, Betty and Dave VanHoozer of Wolcottville, Helen and Jack Chriswell of Waterloo and Josephine Bailey of Montgomery, Mich.; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Roy and Bonnie Collins of Kendallville and Ray Collins of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Irene Belcher and Geraldine Collins; a brother, Sonny Collins; a stepson, Wayne Mcpherson; and a grandson, Lucas Brown.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Harbor of Love Church at Kendallville with Pastor Charles Mosley and Pastor Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. Sunday at the church, where there will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

The family will have private services on Saturday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with Pastor Yvonne Brown of World Harvest Family Worship Center in Garrett officiating.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

The Family of

Clayton Slone, Sr.

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would like to thank Young Family Funeral Home, Salem United Baptist Church, Harbor of Love Baptist Church, and everyone who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or just anyone who offered a hug, handshake, or was just there for one of us. Our dad was a good, honest, Godly man who would be very grateful to you all just as we all are.

May God Bless You. Thank You.

Clayton Jr., Mike, Robin, Jeannie, Jan, Brenda & the entire Slone family

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Woman's legacy will light the holidays

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The late Sharon Guenin sits in her rural Wolcottville home with her great-grandchild, Jazen Scott Miller, in her lap.

WOLCOTTVILLE — "She'll be looking down from heaven each Christmas to see the Christmas lighting display," said Walt Guenin.

His late wife Sharon Guenin looked forward to the Christmas holiday every year because that was when the Guenins turned on their outdoor display of thousands of colorful twinkling lights at their home that attracted onlookers from the tri-state area.

In November last year she carefully supervised the set-up of their huge collection of lighted Christmas displays she and her husband Walt donated to the Mid-America Windmill Museum at 732 S. Allen Chapel Road, just east of Kendallville.

It was the last Christmas season she would see the display she lovingly assembled with her husband. Sharon Guenin, 67, passed away on Feb. 27.

"She was a wonderful lady," said Pam Younce, a long-time member of the museum's board of directors. "For her and Walt to donate that display to the museum was just overwhelming."

Younce got to know the Guenins personally and spent two days a week visiting with them until Sharon passed away. "She wanted to make people happy. That's why she liked Christmas so much."

Younce remembers Sharon Guenin supervising the set up one day. "Walt and the volunteers had put up a horse and carriage display and thought they had arranged properly. Sharon told them they had it backwards and they changed it around."

The Guenins' collection—which they added to every year for 30 years—included more than 150 lighted plastic figures and more than 50 lighted frame displays. Some of them, such as the teeter-totter and Silent Night chapel, were specially made for the Guenins. Sharon Guenin's favorite displays were the nativity scenes, according to her husband.

It was his wife's idea to donate the Christmas displays to the museum when they decided they were getting too old to put them up every year. "We had visited the museum and got to know one of the volunteers, Betty Lange. She told us about the museum's winter festival and Sharon said we should give the displays to the museum," said Walt.

Younce said she was glad Sharon got to see the display as part of the museum's illuminated winter wonderland before she died. "When we put up the lights and displays each Christmas, we'll be thinking about Sharon."

Guenin was a homemaker who spent a lot of time and loved Atwood Shores Lake Campground in Wolcottville. Her husband works part-time there. "I promised her I wouldn't sit around. I'd keep busy and work at the campground," he said.

Her son Mark Guenin of Kendallville remembers how close the kids in campground were to his mother. "She was like a second mother to many kids at the campground, and influenced them a lot," he said.

Mrs. Guenin was born June 14, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Burl and Ruth (Taylor) Price. On July 2, 1960, she married Walter E. Guenin Jr. at First Christian Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Guenin is survived by two sons, Marc Edward and Theresa Guenin, Wolcottville, and Kevin Scott Guenin and his fiancee Linda Tepe, Wolcottville; grandson Corbin Scott Guenin; and great-grandchild Jazen Scott Miller.

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Margaret Smith

FREMONT — Margaret L. Smith, 89, of Fremont, died Friday, March 27, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 5, 1919, in Angola to Frank & Dora (Stewart) Handy. She married Ronald K. Smith, on Aug. 13, 1937 at Clear Lake. He preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 1998.

Mrs. Smith

She was a homemaker.

She was a 1937 Graduate of Fremont High School. She was a lifetime member of the Clear Lake Baptist Church. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters of Fremont. She enjoyed playing the piano, and also formerly played the piano at her church. In her younger years she enjoyed having her flower and vegetables gardens, and helped with the family farming.

She is survived by a son, Fred Smith of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Larry Parson of Sylvania, Ohio; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a special friend and cousin and her daughters, Helen Head of Williamston, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law: Sharon K. Smith.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Bill Case officiating.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be Teeters Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Raymond Rosenberry

MESA, Ariz. —Raymond Ralph Rosenberry, 92, of Mesa, Ariz., died March 25, 2009.

Visitation will be held at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home 420 West Wayne Street from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m.

Burial will take place at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Preferred Memorials to The Fort Wayne Little League Association.

Fr. Brian Carsten

AUBURN — Father E. Brian "Skip" Carsten, 65, of Auburn, died Friday, March 27, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

June Emerick

HUDSON — June M. Emerick, 77, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at her home.

She was born in DeKalb County on June 13, 1931, to Merland and Marie (Getts) Hart. She married Lester Junior Everett on March 16, 1949. He died May 27, 1955. She married Lyle B. Emerick on Jan. 27, 1958. He died Nov. 23, 1987.

She retired from Pent Co. after 31 years.

She lived in Hudson since 1960, moving from Pleasant Lake. She was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Mike Zartman of Van Wert, Ohio; and Carolyn Garman and friend Robert Bralley of Kendallville; three sisters, Marlene Smith of Hudson, Shirley Clark of Meridian, Idaho, and Gloria Keezer of Danielsville, Ga.; two brothers, Keith Hart of Bryan, Ohio, and Ron Hart of Hudson; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Valarie Kline officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net

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Louise Button

KENDALLVILLE — Louise R. (Rockwell) Button, 96, of Kendallville died Friday, March 27, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

She was born Sept. 20, 1912, in Meriden, Conn., to Charles F. and Ada (Coe) Rockwell. On Aug. 28, 1939, in New Rochelle, N.Y., she married Irving C. Button. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1996.

Mrs. Button attended Pelham Memorial High School in New York. She was a graduate of Syracuse University in 1933 and Columbia University. She was an English teacher in Schaghticoke, N.Y. Upon moving to Kendallville in 1958, she was an English teacher for the East Noble School Corporation at the Avilla Middle School for 14 years.

Mrs. Button

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville, where she served as an elder, deacon and president of the women's association. She was also a member of the Calvin Circle, Alpha Phi Sorority at Syracuse University, Eta Phi Epsilon, Noble County Retired Teachers Association, the Kendallville Day Care Board and local Bridge clubs.

Surviving are a son, David R. Button of Kendallville; a niece, Sally Wade of Santa Monica, California; caregivers, Lois Strunk, Wanda Amburgey, Robin Wylie, and Jackie Rowlison; and special friends of the family, Robert and Dorothy Sorensen of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William F. Coe and Thomas B. Coe.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Rev. Stan Kessler officiating.

Calling will be Monday, March 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home and one half hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the National Parkinson Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Neil Pepple

MANNING, S.C. — Neil Emile Pepple, 34, of Manning, S.C., formerly of Garrett, died March 27, 2009.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, April 3 from 4-7 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

William Knight

NEW CARLISLE — William S. Knight was stillborn on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend to Amanda Damron of New Carlisle and Wayne Knight, formerly of Kendallville.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Olive Chapel Cemetery in New Carlisle.

Palmer Funeral Home — River Park, South Bend is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.palmerfuneralhome.com.

Carolyn Waters

MIDDLEBURY — Carolyn J. Waters, 69, of Middlebury, died Saturday, March 28, 2009.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials may be given to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

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Thurlow Nelson

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Thurlow G. Nelson, 88, of Bluffton, Ohio, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima, Ohio.

Mr. Nelson

In 1975 Mr. Nelson moved to Bluffton, Ohio, from LaGrange, Ind. He retired in 1982 from AT&T as a right of way agent and was a World War II United States Army veteran.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, Ohio, Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&AM in LaGrange, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, LaGrange County Shriner Club, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, Pioneers of America, American Legion Post 382 in Bluffton, Ohio, and VFW Post 9648 in Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Mr. Nelson was born on Oct. 22, 1920, in LaGrange to the late Orville J. and Lelia (Garlets) Nelson. On March 8, 1947, in Warsaw, he married Marjorie Routsong. Mrs. Nelson preceded him in death on June 12, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kym and Bruce Frick, Columbus Grove, Ohio; two granddaughters, Nicole and Emily Frick; three sisters, Phyllis Meyer and Goldie Hooley, both of LaGrange, and Janice Smith, Carmel, Ind.; and a brother, Ralph Nelson, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with a military graveside service.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home. A Masonic service will be held at 7:30 p.m. following the visitation.

Memorials may be given to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mary Hootman

BUTLER — Mary A. Hootman, 90, formerly of Hicksville, Ohio, died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at The Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post 223 in Hicksville, Ohio, or The Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

To sign the guestbook or send condolences online, go to www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Janice Rapp

CHURUBUSCO — Janice F. Rapp, 82, of Churubusco died at 5:46 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

William Knight

NEW CARLISLE — Infant William S. Knight was stillborn at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, Ind., on Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

Surviving are his parents Wayne Knight, formerly of Kendallville, and Amanda Damron of New Carlisle; paternal grandparents, Harry and Christine Knight, Kendallville; maternal grandmother, Carol Damron, New Carlisle; aunts and uncles, Stephanie and Randy Dunn, Kendallville, Tonya Knight of Pennsylvania; Josh and Suzy Bell of Illinois; Adam Knight, Indianapolis; Zachary Knight, Kendallville; and Laura Damron, New Carlisle.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Olive Chapel Cemetery, New Carlisle, with Pastor Robert Greathouse officiating.

Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend, Ind., is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

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Father E. Brian Carsten

AUBURN — Father E. Brian "Skip" Carsten, 65, of Auburn died Friday, March 27, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Father Carsten served as a Metropolitan Bishop at the Crossword Centre in Auburn and was the chaplain of Cameron Memorial Hospital.

He had been a chaplain at Cameron Hospice and Home Health and a former chaplain of the Steuben County and Allen County Sheriff's Departments.

Father Carsten was affiliated with Crosswood Centre in Auburn and a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America.

He had a Master of Divinity degree.

He was born Jan. 31, 1944, in Gary to Earl J. and Isabelle (Warwick) Carsten. His mother survives in Auburn. His father preceded him in death April 1, 2008.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with Most Rev. Alfred L. Lankenau, Metropolitan Archbishop Emeritus, Orthodox Catholic Church of America, officiating. Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Crosswood Centre or to the donor's choice.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Moser

GOSHEN — Linda Diane (Bundy) Moser, 61, of Goshen died Monday, March 23, 2009, at her home.

She was a 1965 graduate of Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio.

She had spent most of her adult life in northeast Indiana.

She had worked 10 years in Goshen and was currently employed at Cequent Towing.

A native of North Baltimore, Ohio, she was born Oct. 6, 1947, to Richard and Geneva (Strouse) Bundy. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons, James Tharp of Modesto, Calif., Larry and Angela Waldron of Goshen and Jeremy Stacy Moser of LeHigh Acres, Fla.; three brothers, Richard L. Jr. and Gail Bundy of Angola, Stephen R. and Sherrie Bundy of Pamona, Calif., and David G. and Jan Bundy of Auburn; a sister, Dianna L. Bundy of Wolcottville; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 28, at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with Pastor Gary Roberts of Goshen United Pentecostal Church officiating.

Levi Hignite

ANGOLA — Levi John Hignite, 75, of Angola died Monday, March 30, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at The Chapel At Gardens of Memory, Muncie, with burial in Gardens of Memory, Muncie.

Calling will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

George Gagich

MIDDLEBURY — George Gagich, 81, of Elkhart and formerly of Middlebury died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Highland Park Baptist Church in Elkhart.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Aura Galbraith

LAGRANGE — Aura M. Galbraith, 94, of LaGrange died at 10:20 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange. She had been a resident of Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Galbraith was a homemaker.

She moved to LaGrange in 2004 from Excelsior Springs, Mo., and was a member of St. Johns Episcopal Church in Sturgis, Mich.

Mrs. Galbraith attended the St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Olean, N.Y., from 1950-1964 and again from 1976 to 1992. She was a charter member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church while living in Springville, N.Y., from 1964 to 1976.

She was born March 10, 1915, in Saint Marys, Pa., to Edwin Lupro and Esther E. Butsch. She married Donald E. Galbraith on Dec. 18, 1936. He died in November 1995.

Surviving are a son, Joseph and Tracie Galbraith of Cinimason, N.J.; a daughter, Donna and Steven Kooistra of LaGrange; a brother, Harrison Lupro of Juneau, Alaska; and 11 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Guenther Funeral Home, Olean, N.Y., with the Rev. Richard Kooistra and Steven Kooistera officiating. Burial will be in Maplehurst Cemetery in Hinsdale, N.Y.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Additional calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Hebron Christian Fellowship at LaGrange.

Memorials are to Faith Mission Home, 3540 Mission Lane, Free Union, VA 22940.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Eric Snyder

DUBLIN, Ohio — Eric Allen Snyder, 45, of Dublin, Ohio, died Friday, March 27, 2009.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Dublin Community Church, 81 W. Bridge St., Dublin, Ohio.

Calling will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to Little Theatre off Broadway (Attention: Snyder Memorial, P.O. Box 504, Grove City, OH 43123).

Condolences may be sent online to www.schoedinger.com.

Janice Rapp

CHURUBUSCO — Janice F. Rapp, 82, of Churubusco died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Good News Baptist Church, 812 W. Anderson Road, Churubusco, IN 46723.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Richard Murley

GARRETT — Richard "Dick" O. Murley, 90, of Garrett died at 11:15 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with burial in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to Boy Scout Troop 178 or the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent or sign the guestbook at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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Maria Aguilar

LAGRANGE — Maria Consuela Aguilar, 68, of LaGrange died Monday, March 30, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Mexico where calling and a service will also take place.

Memorials are to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Rollin Jump

WARSAW — Rollin Lloyd Jump, 55, of Warsaw and formerly of Auburn died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Rodeheaver Auditorium, Winona Lake.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Memorials are to Christ's Covenant Church, 2090 E. Pierceton Road, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

John Moriarity

HAMILTON — John F. Moriarity, 83, of Hamilton died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at a later date.

Orberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.oberlin-ford.com.

Maxine Bond

FORT WAYNE — Maxine M. Bond, 79, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 30, 2009, at Regency Place, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

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